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WISCONSIN The Europeans are still the big cheeses.

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Leafs

Devil of a time

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New Jersey Devils Rob Niedermayer grabs Toronto Maple Leafs Viktor Stalberg last night at the ACC. Exclusive Leafs highlights and game report, see the top of page 30.

Suspect arrested

Dying woman robbed of jewelry at Toronto hospital

Police have arrested one man and are looking for another in the theft of $7,000 worth of jewelry from an unconscious elderly woman shortly before she died in a Toronto hospital.

Const. Tony Vella said the family had just left the woman's bedside vigil in the palliative care unit to get some coffee when the robbers struck Tuesday. The family alerted police when they returned and noticed some misplaced items.

"These were family heirlooms ... a gold necklace, a diamond ring," Vella said.

By the time police arrived around 8:45 p.m., the woman had died.

In a cruel twist of fate, Vella said the woman, who was in her 70s, had been the victim of a previous robbery in her home.

"That's why she had so much jewelry with her at the hospital," Vella said. "She had been victimized so she brought these items to the hospital to safeguard against theft."

Rocky Prosser, manager of protection services at Toronto East General, said security measures are adequate but the hospital will review its procedures. Investigators allege the two men worked their way through each floor of the hospital after entering around 8 p.m.

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Charges

- Isaac Lewkowitz, 29, who was arrested in Ajax Wednesday, faces charges including theft, conspiracy, possession of heroin and failing to comply with probation.
- An arrest warrant has also been issued for Marcos Marinoni, 26, of Vaughan, on charges of conspiracy and theft. He is five-foot-four, with black hair and brown eyes.

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Shows spring up in Toronto

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Facebook scam attempts to steal your passwords

WARNING Another email scam is circulating online trying to ensnare unsuspecting Facebook users into divulging their passwords.

Security software maker McAfee sent out a consumer warning Wednesday night after noticing the email scam had become one of the most active currently online.

The emails suggest the user's Facebook password has been reset and includes a link to change it.

But clicking on that link downloads a program that allows hackers to learn your Facebook password and any other passwords you use online.

McAfee says it's the sixth most-prevalent scam that's circulated in the last day or so. The emails are typically written with poor grammar and awkward phrasing, such as "Dear user of facebook."

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ROM hits 1 million milestone

Sharon Anderson of Scarborough and her family received a surprise greeting from ROM CEO William Thorsell and Gordo the dinosaur mascot. Anderson received a one-year ROM family membership, dinner at Food Studio Café, a signed copy of Kelvin Browne's book Bold Visions: The Architecture of the Royal Ontario Museum, and a one-night stay at the Delta Chelsea Hotel for being the museum's one-millionth visitor since last March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Metro columnist Enza Anderson gets gardening advice from Canada Blooms' artistic director Colomba Fuller during the Celebrity Flower Arranging challenge. The five-day flower and garden festival, at the Direct Energy Centre, ends Sunday.

News in brief

STREET RACING The Ontario Court of Appeal has overturned a lower court ruling that found the province's speed racing law was unconstitutional. The Crown appealed after Justice Geoffrey Griffin of the Ontario Court of Justice in Napanee overturned the guilty verdict against 62-year-old Jane Raham last September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ryerson threatened with $10M lawsuit

Case sparked by student who faced expulsion for Facebook study group

Ryerson University is being threatened with a $10-million class-action lawsuit spearheaded by a student who was nearly expelled for running a Facebook study group where classmates swapped tips on homework questions.

A statement of claim, filed on behalf of third-year engineering student Chris Avenir, says the university's policy on academic misconduct denies students the right to have a lawyer present at hearings where they can be given failing grades or recommended for expulsion.

Serious cases where students can actually be suspended or expelled must be heard before the school's Senate, in which a lawyer can be present.

The current policy deprives students of an adequate defence, while causing "significant emotional and/or mental stress," the statement said.

"It makes you feel really overwhelmed," said Avenir. "You don't really know what's going on as a student; with all the proceedings, you're not too sure how it works."

Chris Avenir

None of the allegations have been proven in court. Ryerson's general counsel said the school will vigorously defend against the claims.

"We have lots of confidence in our academic integrity policies," Julia Hanigsberg said.

The claim must go before a judge to determine whether it may proceed as a class action. If certified, the class-action suit could include every student who has gone through misconduct tribunals since March 2003, potentially thousands of students.

The lawsuit hinges on an allegedly conflicting statement in the university's academic conduct policy.

The statement of claim suggests Ryerson violated a policy that states all hearings will be consistent with the Statutory Powers Procedure Act, which guarantees a person the right to be represented by a lawyer.

However, the policy available on Ryerson's website states that only Senate hearings will be conducted under the provincial act's guidelines. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto tourists rescued from overturned yacht

TROUBLE IN PARADISE Sixteen Canadian tourists exploring the Galapagos Islands were rescued from a reef after the yacht they were travelling on ran aground, the tour operator said Thursday.

Fernando Diez, public relations manager for Quazar Expeditions in Ecuador, said the yacht Alta struck the reef at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday while trying to dock at Puerto Ayora in Ecuador.

The accident was caused in part by lack of illumination from a lighthouse that was unexpectedly darkened, he said, but the boat's captain should have been able to avoid the accident.

The 16 Canadian passengers, who Diez believes are from Toronto, were safely evacuated from the 46-metre vessel and taken to Puerto Ayora where they were put up in a hotel, Diez said.

The group was proceeding with scheduled tour activities and their expedition was not expected to be disrupted, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GALAPAGOS NATIONAL PARK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This photo released by Galapagos National Park Thursday shows the grounded Alta yacht in the Galapagos Islands. Sixteen Canadian tourists believed to be from Toronto were rescued from the yacht that ran aground Wednesday. No injuries were reported.

What's your number?

Ethiopia students converge in Toronto

The Ethiopian Students Association Internationals' 10th summit is taking place in Toronto, March 25 to 28, hosted by the Toronto Ethiopian Collaborative. It's the first Canadian hosted summit, and has more than 200 delegates registered from cities across North America. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bus shooter sentenced to nine years in prison

COURT A businessman says he was "ashamed and disgusted" after watching himself on a startlingly clear surveillance video firing a gun on board a TTC bus filled with people last year.

Richard Haynes, 29, told court Thursday he was in a "zoned out" state when he pulled out a .45 calibre pistol and fired it at a man who had stabbed him in his mid-section earlier that day during an argument aboard another bus.

"I hope the people hurt by this will forgive me," Haynes said, his voice choked with his emotion and family members looking on. He pleaded guilty Monday to attempted murder, waiving his right to a preliminary hearing and trial.

Ontario Court Justice Carol Brewer agreed to a joint submission from defence and Crown that Haynes be sentenced to nine years in prison for the Feb. 23, 2009 shooting on Oakwood Avenue near Vaughan Road around 1:15 p.m.

His intended target was struck in the hip and has recovered. A ricochet of the shot penetrated the outer layer of the coat of a female passenger and lodged in the lining.

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This security camera still shows Richard Haynes in the act of shooting.

The incident was captured on four digital security cameras mounted inside the bus. The TTC began installing cameras on all of its surface vehicles at a cost of $17 million after a number of transit shootings, including the 2004 wounding of an 11-year-old girl and a 24-year-old man on the Jane St. bus. A TTC bus driver lost his sight in one eye after he was shot in 2005.

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News in brief

TERRORISM The Canadian-Somali community is reeling following reports that a Toronto teenager said to have been recruited by a terrorist organization was killed. The group known as Al-Shabaab says Mohammed Elmi Ibrahim, who went missing two years ago, has been killed in Somalia. Ahmed Hussen, the national president of the Canadian Somali Congress, says several youth have been lured into fighting through aggressive recruitment techniques, which include online videos depicting a young man rapping about jihad.

WANTED Three men have been arrested and three more are wanted on Canada-wide warrants after young women were lured from a community church and sexually assaulted by a gang of males. Charged with various counts of gang sex assault, assault, forcible confinement, threatening death, administering a drug for sex and making child pornography are: Hyung Jun Ha, 26, and Sang Cheol Lee, 37, both of Toronto, and Jong Il Lee, 33, of Orangeville. The three men wanted on arrest warrants are: Jin Hyun Kim, 33, Yoon Hyun Cho, 26, and Jung Jay Lee, 26, all of Toronto.

RECALL The maker of OneTouch SureStep test strips has issued a voluntary recall of some lots of the product used by diabetics to measure blood-glucose levels. LifeScan Canada Ltd. issued the recall Thursday because specific lots of the test strips may provide low results.

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DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Public Mobile Inc. CEO Alek Krstajic announces the opening of 25 stores during a Thursday press conference in Toronto. The new wireless player Public Mobile will launch in Toronto and Montreal in mid-May, offering unlimited talk and text for $40 a month.

Another new carrier enters wireless game

New wireless player Public Mobile says it wants to win customers among those Canadians who don't already have cellphones with a no-contract, no-frills service that lets it avoid competing directly with established carriers.

"We're targeting the working class, ethnic Canadians who make up the vast majority of that 30 per cent of Canadians who don't have a cellphone." Alek Krstajic, CEO

"We're targeting the working class, ethnic Canadians who make up the vast majority of that 30 per cent of Canadians who don't have a cellphone," said CEO Alek Krstajic.

Public Mobile opened its first retail stores Thursday in Toronto and Montreal to sell basic mobile phones before its network launches in both cities in mid-May.

Its offering includes a $40-a-month, no-contract, talk-and-text service. However, customers have to buy their phones, starting at $70 apiece.

The Toronto-based company is one of several new entrants into the wireless business now dominated by Rogers, Bell and Telus.

Globalive's Wind Mobile launched its wireless business in December.

"Wind (Mobile) is very clearly going after the same customers as Rogers, Bell and Telus," he said. "We're going for a very different segment."

Krstajic said when Public Mobile's customers want data services, such as being able to watch video, they will be offered.

"But we will do it as our customer base's needs evolve as opposed to trying go after the customers of Rogers, Bell and Telus. That's not our game."

However, Krstajic conceded that Public Mobile might see competition from Fido, Solo and Koodo, the discount brands of the big three players

Globalive's Wind Mobile launched in December and it is estimated the company has attracted only about 30,000 subscribers.

Krstajic said he doesn't want to rush Public Mobile's launch and has learned from the network hiccups Globalive has endured since its launch.

One other new player, Mobilicity, is expected to launch in the coming months and Quebecor's Videotron says it will start up its wireless service in the summer.

Public Mobile doesn't have roaming agreements with other wireless carriers, meaning its subscribers can only use their phones on its network in Toronto and Montreal.

Krstajic said his company opted against partnering with another carrier for roaming services because research has shown that Public Mobile's target customers don't want monthly bills higher than $40.

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Police have released the name of a Mississauga woman who died after hitting a tree while snowboarding in central Ontario. Jacqueline Snarr, 48, had been taken to the Markdale hospital, where she died of her injuries Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

One person's trash is another's treasure

For Gretel Meyer Odell making kids costumes is just one of her many creative outlets.

Take her home in Brockton Village, for instance. Her family has used handmade and recycled items to decorate the home's exterior: A yellow sun cut out of plywood; a papier-mâché lamp; and a painting found abandoned in Parkdale. Stacks of old tires, used as planters in the summer, line the perimeter of the property.

The combination, to Gretel, is beautiful. "It's an expression," she said. "It's a conscious expression of us as a family."

"I had shaking knees. I was furious. Incensed."
Gretel Meyer Odell

Which is why she was so shocked to learn that someone else in the Dundas and Lansdowne neighbourhood thought it looked like garbage.

Last Friday afternoon, Gretel noticed something had been taped to the door. "Notice of Violation," it read. "Owner of land failed to clean and clear refuse that has been thrown, placed, dumped or deposited ..."

"I had shaking knees," Gretel said. "I was furious. Incensed."

A local municipal standards officer had taken issue with a pile of rocks in the front yard.

"How do you decide what's garbage and what's art?" Gretel asked. "Where do you draw the line?"

Gretel has since given in to the city's notice, moving the offending rocks to her backyard.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper addresses a meeting for G20 "sherpas" Thursday in Ottawa.

PM lays out agenda for G20 summit in Toronto

MEETING It's what Prime Minister Stephen Harper didn't say to the Group of 20 negotiators Thursday that weighed heavily in the meeting room.

Harper took the unusual step of publicly addressing the G20 top bureaucrats — known as "sherpas" because they do most of the tough slogging ahead of the encounter — who are in Ottawa in advance of the June summit in Toronto.

He carefully defined the summit's agenda, laid out his priorities and told them clearly what it would take to make the summit a success.

But he didn't repeat the warning of a double-dip recession that leapt off the pages of the background paper Ottawa distributed to the sherpas before the meeting.

"The global economy has not yet fully recovered and the premature withdrawal of fiscal and monetary stimulus could risk a double-dip recession and higher unemployment," warned the paper obtained by The Canadian Press.

The fear of another virulent round of recession is hanging over the heads of the sherpas, forcing them to focus almost exclusively on near- and medium-term economic issues, insiders say.

"We can't lose sight of what remains our biggest collective challenge: The recovery is by no means fully assured," Harper told the sherpas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saving women and children at G8

- Stephen Harper says all options — including contraception — will be considered at the upcoming G8 summit in Huntsville as leaders craft a plan aimed at saving the lives of women and children in the world's poorest countries. However, the prime minister says he does not want to reopen debate on abortion at the summit, which he is to host in June.

News in brief

GROW-OP Two Toronto men have been arrested after drug enforcement officers raided a grow-op northeast of the city. Officers with Durham region police used a warrant to search a commercial property in Uxbridge early yesterday. They seized 3,700 marijuana plants, 2.25 kilograms of dried marijuana and $4,300 in Canadian currency. Doug Robertson, 53, and Manoli Mbermberakis, 42, are charged with production of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. Both were held for a bail hearing.

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Police seek suspect in stabbing on College Street

One man is in hospital after an early morning stabbing Thursday in the area of College Street, between Ossington Avenue and Bathurst Street, around 2 a.m. The victim suffered from a stab wound to the abdomen and is said to be in non-life-threatening condition. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stroller heist suspect charged in poppy theft

Police have identified a male suspect and are hunting a female accomplice after a Toronto dad used the Internet to track down his stolen baby stroller.

The man being sought by police and his sister were charged after a foiled armed robbery attempt of poppy drive money and struggle with an 84-year-old veteran at a Scarborough Royal Canadian Legion Hall last Nov. 12.

Michael Pavlova, 25, is wanted on charges of theft under $5,000 and possession of stolen property, and an unidentified woman with short brown hair with blond streaks is wanted as an accomplice. Pavlova and his sister, Bianca, 27, who bears a resemblance to photos of the female accomplice in the stroller case, were charged with robbery and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence. Pavlova was also charged with using an imitation firearm and failing to comply with a probation order. Both siblings are awaiting trial on the legion robbery.

Lindsay Taylor's $750 stroller was stolen from the front porch of his Danforth-area home last Friday. The father of two found an identical one listed on Craigslist the next day and offered to meet the sellers. When they arrived, he recognized chalk marks his son had made and seized the stroller.

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Thefts rising

- Police began to notice an increase in stroller thefts last summer as the pricey prams gained popularity among parents.

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Budget cuts hit Sick Kids' Reading Room

LIBRARY For the Ong family, the Reading Room library at the Hospital for Sick Children has been "a blessing."

Sisters Victoria, 15, and Jessica, 10, both had eye surgery at the hospital when they were weeks old and now come for monthly follow-up visits.

Together with father and brother, they have passed the time between doctor's visits for one another in the library.

The hospital is optimistic it can keep that tradition alive even though Toronto Public Library is pulling its part-time librarian from the Reading Room.

"We're worried, but we understand that Toronto Public Library has been hit with a budget that doesn't allow them to continue their services across the city at the same level," says Dr. Bruce Ferguson, the hospital's director of community health systems. "The first thing we (will) do is talk about how we can maintain services for patients and families."

Sick Kids is one of three Toronto hospitals losing its part-time library staff because of city budget constraints. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

HEALTH Nuclear medicine experts say the health of thousands of Canadian and U.S. patients could be put in jeopardy by a critical shortage of radioactive isotopes over the next few weeks. The Society of Nuclear Medicine says there will be a severe worldwide shortage of Technetium-99 used in imaging tests for cancer and other patients for a 2½-week period starting Sunday. The medical isotope is derived from Molybdenum-99, a radioactive substance produced in only five nuclear reactors in the world, two of which are offline. The head of the Ontario Association of Nuclear Medicine says Canadian patients could have trouble getting critical imaging tests.

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After 20 years, Calgary Zoo director quits

The director of conservation at the Calgary Zoo has resigned. After 20 years at the facility, Cathy Gaviller has stepped down to pursue other opportunities. The zoo has been the subject of controversy after several animal deaths and mishaps in recent years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police in Cobourg raced into action after receiving a report of four men carrying handguns and masks in the downtown area. They found the men and ... two toy handguns. A movie was being filmed for a church. Final scene: The guns were seized and no charges were laid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blood flows in Old Montreal

Police probe high-profile Mafia links after two shot dead in tourist area

A deadly daytime shooting that paralyzed Old Montreal was possibly linked to a violent feud involving Canada's most prominent Mafia family, police said Thursday.

Two men were shot dead and two others injured in a hail of gunfire that prompted a police shutdown of the historic streets near the landmark Notre-Dame Basilica.

"There were about 15 drops of blood ... as big as quarters." Man who saw the shootings

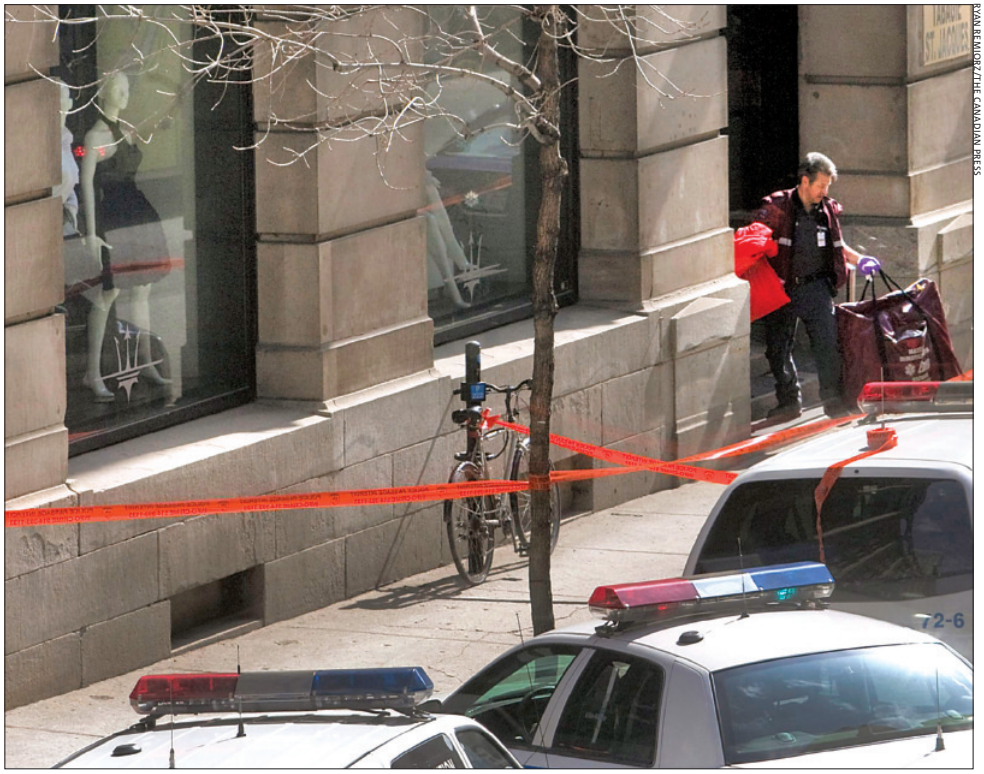
Police say they're examining possible ties between the shootings and the December slaying of reputed Mob boss Vito Rizzuto's son.

On Thursday, men with white bandanas — at least one of them wearing a rastafarian-style dreadlocked wig — were seen fleeing the shooting scene, a high-end clothing store.

"There was blood in the lobby," said one man, who refused to give his name. "There were about 15 drops of blood in the exterior lobby — as big as quarters."

Another man said the floor was dotted with thumb sized blood droplets.

The shootings took place on a street — once known as St. James Street, called St. Jacques today — that was once the heart of Canada's financial sector. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Drama on Rue St. Jacques: A paramedic leaves Thursday's shooting scene at a clothing store in Old Montreal.

Rizzuto shooting shocked Montreal

MURDER Another brazen daytime shooting shocked Montreal three months ago: The murder of the son of reputed Mob boss Vito Rizzuto.

Nick Rizzuto Jr., the 42-year-old eldest son of Rizzuto, was shot in Montreal's Notre-Dame-de-Grâce district.

Crime analysts have been predicting reprisals since Nick Rizzuto was killed on Dec. 28 in the gritty west-end neighbourhood.

No arrests have been made in that slaying.

Vito Rizzuto is in prison in Colorado, serving a 10-year sentence for racketeering, relating to three murders in Brooklyn in 1981.

He is scheduled to be released on Oct. 6, 2012.

Police say they are exploring a variety of possible theories about a Mafia turf war. They include a power struggle pitting Montreal mobsters against Toronto's.

"There's a lot of information out there," said Const. Olivier Lapointe.

"We're still examining our databases to ensure our information is reliable." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kenney hits at curbs on migrants

WORKERS Professional associations refusing to recognize the credentials of foreign workers are threatening to slow Canada's economic recovery, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Thursday.

Professional agencies and orders have been criticized in the past for too often rejecting training received abroad, making it difficult for new Canadians to find jobs in their fields.

"The biggest obstacle has always been a gate keeper attitude amongst some professional agencies," Kenney said . THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

FILIBUSTER Conservative MPs are preventing the widow of former Rights and Democracy president Remy Beauregard from testifying at a Commons committee. Beauregard died of a heart attack after an agency board meeting. The taxpayer-funded agency has been in turmoil over grants to Middle East groups. The Tories are blocking a vote on the witness list. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Former N.B. hockey coach pleads guilty to sex-related charges

A former New Brunswick hockey coach has pleaded guilty to sex-related charges dating back to incidents 40 years ago. Thomas Daigle, 63, pleaded guilty to five counts of indecent assault on a male during a court appearance Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dropout rate may delay exit

Afghan soldiers leaving army a 'challenge' to Canadian pullout

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But the latest Canadian government quarterly assessment raises concern about the number of soldiers leaving the Afghan National Army, which is expected to take over security in key Kandahar districts by next summer.

Although the high attrition rate among Afghan soldiers has always bothered Canadian and NATO mentors, the challenge of recruiting, training and keeping those soldiers has started to weigh more heavily as Canada prepares to wind up its military mission in Afghanistan in 2011.

"Until targeted ANA growth is realized, benchmarks for shouldering the security burden and leading security operations will continue to be a challenge."
Canadian Quarterly Report

The report, released late Wednesday in Ottawa, said the benchmark of a capable security force "continues to be challenged by issues relating to attrition, retention and recruiting."

Another battalion, or kandak, of Afghan soldiers under Canadian guidance has reached its top-tier status. That makes two battalion-sized units ready to go, but the report said they're undermanned and the ranks looked thin last fall.

"Leave granted to soldiers around the Eid holiday and following the presidential elections likely contributed to decreased (Afghan National Army) capacity in this quarter," said the quarterly report, which covers the period up to the end of 2009.

"Until targeted ANA growth is realized, benchmarks for shouldering the security burden and leading security operations will continue to be a challenge."

Neither of the two battalions were operating at 70 per cent strength, which is Canada's benchmark goal.

More Afghan troops are being linked with U.S. units for training and that has meant a decline in the number of operations conducted with Canadians.

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Afghan documents debate heats up

OTTAWA The opening shots have been fired in the Commons in what could become a bitter war over Parliament's right to know and the government's right to keep secrets.

Opposition MPs have fumed for months over the government's refusal to hand over controversial documents on the Afghan detainee issue.

The Conservative government says it cannot give the uncensored material to a special Commons committee on Afghanistan because of national security considerations.

Liberal Bob Rae says national security is a concern for all MPs, but there are ways to maintain it while still allowing them to do their jobs.

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Bob Rae speaks recently during question period in the House of Commons.

"It is perfectly possible for unredacted documents to be seen by members of Parliament who have been sworn in for the purpose of seeing these documents," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Windsor hit with second case of flesh-eating disease

HEALTH A hospital official confirms there is a second case of flesh-eating disease in Windsor. Windsor Regional Hospital spokesman Ron Foster would only say Thursday the patient is in "cautiously stable" condition.

Medical officer of health Dr. Allen Heimann says the patient is a 46-year-old man.

Symptoms

- Necrotizing fasciitis is caused by group A streptococcus, a fairly common bacterium that also causes strep throat. Symptoms include high fever as well as red, painful swelling.

Heimann said he does not believe this latest case is related to the recent death of a 40-year-old man in Windsor.

Richard Montague died March 8 of complications after contracting narcotizing fasciitis. He died 24 hours after finding a small sore on his thigh.

Heimann said the two men did not know each other and officials cannot find anything to connect them.

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News in brief

CRIME Two males are in hospital after reportedly being shot early Thursday in Belleville. Police say both males were found when officers responded to a 911 call about a disturbance at 3:20 a.m. Police did not provide any information on the extent of the injuries or any details about the victims. Sgt. Julie Forestell said several people are being interviewed, and she can't confirm reports that a 21-year old man is in custody.

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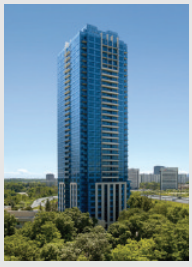
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N.B. premier takes shot at media

The premier of New Brunswick is blaming the media for what he says is unfair coverage of his government. Shawn Graham took a swipe at reporters Thursday, saying they don't put the Opposition under the same scrutiny as his governing Liberals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Post-recession jump will slow: TD Bank

ECONOMY Canada's strong rebound from recession won't be sustained as headwinds gather to slow growth, according to a new report from the TD Bank.

In its report, the bank said while most countries fell into recession together, they are emerging separately and need individual policy prescriptions.

The quarterly report predicts the five per cent growth rate recorded by the economy in the last three months of 2009 will slow to about 3.5 per cent this year and below three per cent next.

"An average of three per cent growth is not a terrible outcome, but it is a little disappointing given the depth of the recession," said Craig Alexander, TD's deputy chief economist.

Alexander said the fourth-quarter explosion of growth may have given Canadians false hopes of a V-type recovery — a sharp upward bounce after a quick fall — but it isn't going to happen.

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Job growth

- The level of growth will produce about 20,000 to 25,000 new jobs each month, a moderate rate of job creation.

News in brief

BROADCASTING Canada's private TV networks continued to see their revenues slide last year, while cable revenues went on climbing. The federal broadcast regulator reports the networks, which includes CTV and Global, saw revenues slide 7.9 per cent in 2009. Even though they cut operating expenses, the networks still came away with a negative profit margin of 5.9 per cent. Cable and satellite firms on the other hand saw their revenues climb.

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EU rejects polar bear ban

Canadian Inuit received some help from an unlikely corner Thursday when the European Union rejected a motion to ban the international trade of polar bear parts.

The result assured the defeat of the U.S.-backed proposal.

"I think that's great," said Chucky Gruben, a polar bear hunter from Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. "I'm glad to hear this was defeated."

The EU has angered the Inuit in the past over issues such as the seal hunt. But on Thursday it was the union's 27 member states voting in a block at the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species that prevented polar bear skins from being placed in the same category as elephant ivory.

"It's basically the EU that stood in the way," said Teresa Telesky of Humane Society International, who is at the meeting in Doha, Qatar. "If it hadn't been for the EU, we would have won this debate."

If the motion had passed, it would have placed further obstacles in the way of the economically valuable sport hunt and completely ended the ability of Inuit hunters to sell the skins of animals they kill for meat.

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A polar bear mother and her two cubs are shown in Wapusk National Park on the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man., in this file photo. Canadian Inuit received some help from an unfamiliar source Thursday when the European Union voted against a motion to ban the international trade of polar bear parts.

Mary Simon, head of Canada's national Inuit group Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, was pleased with the news but cautious.

"On first reaction, it's a very good sign for us," she said from Ottawa. "There is a possibility that the U.S. could come back to revise the rejected proposal and put it to a vote."

But Christine Eustis, a spokeswoman for the U.S. delegation, said that's unlikely. "We're not going to be bringing the polar bear up again," she said from Doha.

Canada, along with Norway and Greenland, led opposition to the U.S. proposal.

"There is no doubt that action must continue to ensure the conservation of polar bears. Canada's goal is long-term survival of polar bears," Canadian representative Basile Van Havre said. "But Canada does not think the proposal is supported by facts."

Canada is the only country that allows the export of polar bear hides.

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Air Canada stands by pilot

Air Canada is standing by a pilot at the centre of a bizarre incident two years ago in which co-workers refused to fly with him, fearing he was suicidal and accusing him of threatening to ditch his aircraft in the Atlantic Ocean.

The airline insisted Thursday that the eyebrow-raising circumstances emanating from a dispute aboard a Toronto-Paris flight in July 2008 amounted to nothing more than a minor conflict between staff and a healthy, competent pilot.

Public safety was never compromised, although the situation, which began as a dispute between the unnamed pilot and chief steward Hugh Bouchard, culminated in a battle in Federal Court.

What prompted the original conflict remains unclear.

Safety officer

- An independent federal safety officer was brought in to probe the work stoppage. The safety officer talked to the flight attendants, union representatives, managers and others who knew the pilot, and found only the attendants had any concerns about him.

But according to Bouchard, the pilot threatened to ditch the plane over the Atlantic, saying "he had nothing to lose as he was being fired anyway," court documents show.

Airline spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said the incident was investigated at the time, and the ensuing report made no reference to the pilot making a threat to ditch the plane.

However, the report did reflect Bouchard's claim the pilot had said: "If I lose my job, I have nothing to lose." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paralympics **Fit for a prince**

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His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, right, takes a closer look Thursday at the official jacket for staff and volunteers of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games after he was presented with one during a visit to the Protocol Operations Centre in Vancouver. Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson looks on.

News in brief

DRUGS A new report says the majority of Canadian seniors are taking at least five different types of prescription drugs and some are taking a lot more. The report, from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, says 62 per cent of Canadians aged 65 and older were taking at least five drugs in 2008. The report is based on drug claim data for more than one million seniors living in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pirates abandon ship, free captives

Somali pirates abandoned a hijacked Iranian vessel and set its 19-man crew free Thursday after encountering an Italian warship just off the coast of Somalia, NATO said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

California mulls wide smoking ban

California lawmakers on Thursday were considering what is believed to be the nation's most far-reaching smoking ban in state parks as a way to get unsightly cigarette butts off the beach, eliminate second-hand smoke and reduce the threat of wildfires. Maine banned smoking at its state beaches last year, but groups that track such legislation say no state prohibits lighting up throughout its entire park system, as the California bill proposes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Creditors stop auction of Sex.com domain name

WEB The suitors for Sex.com have been put off for now.

An auction for the much-sought-after domain name was cancelled after three creditors filed a petition forcing the owner into bankruptcy.

Mike Mann, an investor with all three creditors, said the petition was filed to stop the auction. According to the petition, the creditors have a combined $10.1-million claim.

Selling the domain name at an auction was not going to enhance its value, Mann said.

"It's gone way up in value," he said. "It's the most valuable domain in the world. They were throwing away the world's most valuable domain asset."

Escom LLC paid a reported $12 million to $14 million for the domain name in 2006, but the company was unable to repay the debt. The lender ordered the foreclosure sale.

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PETA

- PETA was one of the interested parties for the domain name. Males who consume meat, eggs and dairy products often suffer sexual side-effects, according to PETA.

Stage set for health vote

Democrats hoping for Sunday passage of contentious bill

Democratic leaders unveiled what is expected to be their final health-care bill Thursday, setting the stage for a Sunday vote on a plan that would affect most Americans and has become the defining issue in Barack Obama's presidency.

Leaving nothing to chance, the White House announced that Obama has put off his planned trip to Asia for a second time, delaying it until June. Obama was to have left Sunday.

Barack Obama

Said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: "He wants to be here for the history."

The plan would cost $940 billion US over 10 years and extend coverage to 32-million Americans who are uninsured, while reducing the federal deficit by $138 billion over 10 years, the impartial Congressional Budget Office said, and continue to drive down red ink thereafter.

Democratic leaders said the deficit would be cut $1.2 trillion in the second decade.

The plan would restructure one-sixth of the U.S. economy in the biggest expansion of the social-safety net since Medicare, a government-run health plan for the elderly, was created in 1965.

Although the vote is expected Sunday, passage is still not assured. With Republicans unanimous in opposition, Obama needs to win over moderate House Democrats, some of whom are wary about the plan's costs and abortion provisions.

Still, Obama appears on the verge of a victory on the signature issue of his presidency, just two months after it appeared all but dead. Democrats in January lost a Senate seat in a special election, denying them the 60-vote supermajority needed to overcome Republican blocking tactics. But Democrats are using a complicated legislative strategy, over strenuous Republican objections, to get the bill through both the House and Senate.

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Rod Covenah and Sally Sinacore shout during a tea-party protest against the proposed health-care plan outside the office of Rep. Melissa Bean in Schaumburg, Ill., on Tuesday.

Thailand's PM says he's open to talks with protesters

POLITICS Thailand's prime minister said Thursday the government was ready to hold talks with protesters, who want him to call new elections, but only if they stop throwing blood, blocking government offices and remain peaceful.

For the past week, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has been sleeping at an army base outside Bangkok to avoid mass demonstrations by anti-government protesters.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators remained encamped in the historic heart of the Thai capital Thursday, vowing to wage a "class war" until Abhisit dissolves Parliament and calls fresh elections.

Some of the protest's leaders have increasingly portrayed the demonstrations as a struggle between Thailand's impoverished, mainly rural masses and a Bangkok-based elite. The group largely consists of supporters of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted by a 2006 military coup, and pro-democracy activists who opposed the army takeover.

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News in brief

NUCLEAR PLANT Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Iran's new Russian-built nuclear power plant will begin operating this summer, even as the United States called for Russia to delay the startup. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Moscow on an official trip, urged Russia not to start up the plant until Tehran proves that it's not developing atomic weapons.

CONVICTION A Polish court convicted three men Thursday of the theft of the notorious "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Sets You Free) sign from the Auschwitz memorial site in December. The men, two of whom are brothers, were given prison sentences ranging from 18 months to 2½ years. Court footage showed each man in turn expressing regret.

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Emergency plane landing leads to fuel spill

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Irish bishop orders priest to stay quiet on abuse scandal

A Roman Catholic bishop in Ireland ordered a priest Thursday to remain silent over his views that church officials should not tell police about child abusers within the priesthood.

Bishop Dermot Clifford said Monsignor Maurice Dooley, an expert in Catholic canon law, must not speak publicly again about his understanding of the church's rules on confidentiality.

"I want to state that all concerns that come to light are reported fully and without delay to the state authorities," Clifford said.

The bishop said he had spoken Thursday to Dooley — the former professor of theology and canon law at a seminary that closed in 2002 — "and he assures me that he will not be speaking again in this controversy."

Dooley has repeatedly spoken out this week in defence of Irish Cardinal Sean Brady, a former classmate and fellow canon-law expert who is facing pressure to resign because he failed to tell police about his knowledge of one of Ireland's worst pedophiles.

Brady this week admitted that in 1975 he recorded interviews with two young male victims of pedophile priest Brendan Smyth — but required them to sign oaths of secrecy and did not tell anyone outside the church what he had learned. Brady on Wednesday said he was ashamed of his inaction in the case, in part because Smyth abused scores more children before finally being imprisoned in 1994.

Hours before the bishop's intervention, Dooley gave an interview to the BBC. He defended a priest's right to keep personal information secret as a central role of the priesthood.

He said an abuse victim's parents or guardians had the duty to tell police, but that he would not.

Dooley said he would tell any priest who confessed that he was a child abuser "to stop abusing children. But I am not going to go to the police or social services in order to betray the trust he has put in me," he said.

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Archbishop speaks

- Reinhard Marx, the archbishop of Munich and Freising, said Catholic bishops in the southern German state of Bavaria — the homeland of Pope Benedict XVI — felt "deep consternation and shame" over the reports of abuse of children in church-run schools and institutions in past weeks.

Beirut **State of the union**

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Activists dressed in wedding outfits dance Thursday in Beirut as they take part in the "Chaml" (union) campaign that is trying to legalize civil marriage in Lebanon. In the Middle East, civil marriage doesn't exist and no religious authority will perform an interfaith wedding. But Lebanon recognizes civil marriages as long as they're performed abroad.

Gaza rocket kills 1 in Israel

MIDEAST A rocket fired by Gaza militants smashed into a greenhouse in an Israeli border village Thursday, killing a Thai worker in the first such death since Israel's massive offensive against Hamas-ruled Gaza more than a year ago.

The launch defied a long-standing ban by Hamas on such attacks and highlighted the growing challenge to the Islamic militant group from more radical rivals, including al-Qaida-inspired firebrands.

The rocket also raised the spectre of Israeli retaliation and further conflagration at a time of renewed international focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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News in brief

POLITICS South Africa's ruling party says it used its overwhelming majority in the nation's parliament to throw out a no-confidence vote against President Jacob Zuma. The African National Congress says the opposition's no-confidence motion was frivolous and baseless and the parliament reaffirmed its full confidence in Zuma Thursday. Supporters of the motion say Zuma, who has three wives, recently acknowledged fathering an illegitimate child and his behaviour set a poor example, particularly in the fight against HIV/Aids. Earlier this month, the South African leader was also accused of withholding details of his personal assets that, when eventually released, included pyjamas given to him by Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

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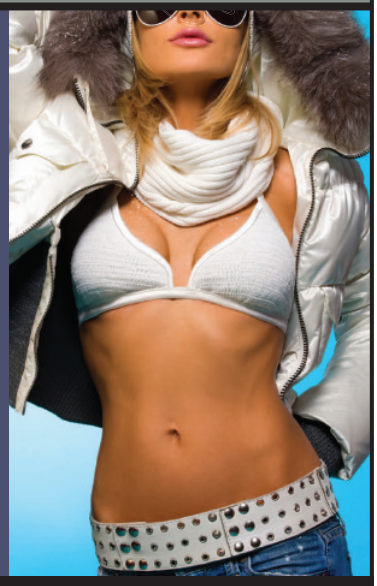

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Puerto Rican panhandler stabs woman with needle

Police in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, arrested a panhandler who stabbed a woman with a hypodermic needle when she declined to give him money. Police said Thursday the victim had pulled to a curbside to feed her baby when 32-year-old Marcos Ramos Ortiz approached and asked her for $5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Salzburg **Soaking up the sun**

KERSTIN JOENSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman enjoys spring-like weather on a bench by the frozen lake Zeller See in Zell am See, in the Austrian province of Salzburg

CORRECTION NOTICE

In the Thursday, March 18 edition of Metro Toronto, the Agincourt Chrysler advertisement inaccurately listed a 2008 Dodge Ram 5.7L Hemi at a price of $15,996. The correct price for this vehicle is $22,888 or $177 bi-weekly for 84 months at a variable interest rate of 5.49%. Metro sincerely apologies for the error.

Cuban women take to the streets

PROTEST Hundreds of government supporters surrounded a small group of Cuban protesters, most of them mothers and wives of dissidents arrested in the March 18, 2003 crackdown, as they marched through Havana on Thursday. Cuba's human rights record has come into sharp focus since the death of a dissident hunger striker last month THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gadhafi ruffles Nigeria's feathers

AFRICA Diplomats say Nigeria has withdrawn its ambassador from Libya after Moammar Gadhafi said nothing would stop Nigeria's ethnic violence except splitting it into separate Muslim and Christian nations.

In a statement Thursday, a Nigerian foreign ministry spokesman called the Libyan leader's comments "unbecoming of any leader who claims to advocate and champion the cause of African integration and unity."

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Taking a leaf out of the Romulans how-to book

From Grimm's fairy tales to Harry Potter, the cloak of invisibility has played a major role in fiction. Now scientists have taken a small but important new step toward making it reality.

Researchers at Germany's Karlsruhe Institute of Technology report they were able to cloak a tiny bump in a layer of gold, preventing its detection at nearly visible infrared frequencies.

Their cloaking device also worked in three dimensions, while previously developed cloaks only worked in two dimensions, lead researcher Tolga Ergin said.

In earlier research, a team led by David Schurig at Duke University developed a way to cloak objects in two dimensions from microwaves.

Like light and radar waves, microwaves usually bounce off objects, making them visible to instruments and creating a shadow that can be detected.

Cloaking vs. stealth

- **CLOAKING** Special materials deflect radar, light or other waves around an object, like water flowing around a smooth rock in a stream.
- **STEALTH** The technology does not make an aircraft invisible but reduces the cross-section available to radar, making it hard to track.

This new research Ergin used infrared waves, which are close to the spectrum of visible light.

The cloak is a structure of crystals with air spaces in between, sort of like a woodpile, that bends light, hiding the bump in the gold later beneath, the researchers reported in Thursday's online edition of the journal Science.

In this case, the bump was tiny, a mere 1 micrometre high and 13 micrometres across, that a magnifying lens was needed to see it.

"In principle, the cloak design is completely scalable; there is no limit to it," Ergin said.

But, he added, developing a cloak to hide something takes a long time, "so cloaking larger items with that technology is not really feasible."

"Other fabrication techniques, though, might lead to larger cloaks," he added in an interview via email.

The value of the findings, Ergin said, "is that we learn more about the concepts of transformation optics, and that we have made a first step in producing 3-D structures in that field."

"Invisibility cloaks are a beautiful and fascinating benchmark for the field of transformation optics, and it is very seldom that one can foretell what practical applications might arise out of a field of fundamental research," he added.

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Tuna still on menu as bid for ban fails

Fishing nations block U.S.-backed proposal

A U.S.-backed proposal to ban the export of Atlantic bluefin tuna prized in sushi was rejected Thursday by a UN wildlife meeting, with scores of developing nations joining Japan in opposing a measure they feared would devastate fishing economies.

It was a stunning setback for conservationists who had hoped the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, would give the iconic fish a lifeline. They joined the proposal's sponsor Monaco in arguing that extreme measures were necessary because the stocks have fallen by 75 per cent due to widespread overfishing.

"The fish is too valuable for its own good."
Susan Lieberman, environmentalist

"Let's take science and throw it out the door," said Susan Lieberman, director of international policy with the Pew Environment Group in Washington. "Clearly, there was pressure from the fishing interests. The fish is too valuable for its own good."

As the debate opened, Monaco painted a dire picture for a once-abundant species that roams across vast stretches of the Atlantic Ocean and can grow to as big as 1,500 pounds.

It has been done in by the growing demand for raw tuna for traditional dishes such as sushi and sashimi. The bluefin variety — called "hon-maguro" in Japan — is particularly prized. A 200-kilogram Pacific bluefin tuna fetched a record 20.2 million yen ($220,000) last year.

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Prince Cool? Seeing world in 3-D

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Britain's Prince Charles wears a pair of 3-D glasses Thursday as he looks at a 3-D computer program in Budapest, Hungary. The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall are on a four-day official visit in Hungary as part of a tour of Eastern Europe that takes in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Sudan, rebel groups agree to ceasefire

PEACE PACT Sudan's government and a collection of Darfur rebel groups signed a ceasefire Thursday — the second such deal in less than a month with a key rebel faction — opening the way for political negotiations ahead of a full peace agreement.

The Sudanese government now has peace deals with two major rebel blocs, leaving just the Sudan Liberation Movement led by Paris-based Abdelwahid Elnur on the outside. The history of the conflict has been marked by failed peace agreements.

The UN estimates that some 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million have been displaced since ethnic African tribesman in the vast arid western Darfur region took up arms against the Arab-dominated central government complaining of discrimination, lack of political representation and neglect.

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Dubai hotel says it freed shark

CAPTIVE A resort hotel on one of Dubai's manmade islands said it has freed a whale shark whose captivity had been criticized by environmentalists.

The Atlantis hotel on the city-state's Palm Jumeirah island said it released the four-metre female shark into the Persian Gulf, but did not provide documentation.

Whale sharks, the largest fish in the world, are considered a threatened species.

Atlantis vice-president Steve Kaiser said in a written response to questions the animal has been fitted with a satellite tracking tag to record its position for research purposes.

Employees outside the hotel's massive aquarium, which contains 65,000 fish, stingrays and other sea creatures, said they had been instructed not to speak to the media about the shark.

Environmentalists began calling for the shark's release shortly after the hotel announced it had rescued it from the shallow waters off Dubai's coast in 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Spring ambience served up in cafés

UrbanCompass

The glorious weather has forced the city to reveal its most impressive asset — the sidewalk café.

I watched it unfold this week on comfortable Baldwin Street, halfway between the hospitals on University Avenue and the lively crowds of Spadina's Chinatown.

As the weather began warming Tuesday, a few restaurants put out chairs, and some were occupied by hardy souls.

On Wednesday at lunch, with full sun and temperatures in the middle teens, the patios on the sunny side of the street were packed. There were even a few folks in the shadows on the south side, all bundled up.

By the end of the day, the sun was flooding both sides of the street and the patios did good business. As the good weather continued Thursday, this stretch of Baldwin Street was humming.

People love eating and drinking outside. I can see the attraction: Open and free air and the large expansive room that the whole street becomes are persuasive factors.

"People love eating and drinking outside. I can see the attraction ..."

More important is the sense we all have in sidewalk cafés that we are being watched and probably admired. You want to look your best. The outdoor café puts us on display to those walking by, as evidenced by the many smiles and good humoured ambience.

It's a pity so much of our city is built at such low densities and its roadways are so dominated by moving vehicles that sidewalk cafés don't work in the suburbs. But those folk at least have the option of coming to the older parts of the city for this most urban of the pleasures.

Sipping coffee or beer in some shaft of sunlight, one smiles to oneself. It's hard not to imagine for a short moment that we are sitting in some European city eating a delicate pastry for a brief interlude, transported from the daily Toronto grind.

This is the joy of spring arriving, the sidewalk café.

It's the official notice of good times coming and balmy air.

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Views

Want to survive a fire? Take a look up

Marketplace

Geri and Peter Crawshaw thought they had picked out a great retirement home in Orillia, Ont., for Peter's aging mom Betty — until a fire broke out last year and she suffered major smoke inhalation. Four other residents died.

What they learned too late was, the home wasn't equipped with sprinklers — a device firefighters say is key to controlling not just flames, but smoke. Smoke is what kills most people in a fire.

"I never gave it a thought. I never looked up," said Geri Crawshaw. And who would?

But in a national survey of older nursing homes and retirement homes, CBC Marketplace discovered a patchwork of regulations when it comes to sprinklers in older homes, leaving tens of thousands of seniors with no protection.

In Ontario, three deadly fires have led to three coroner's inquests, all calling for sprinklers to be installed retroactively in long-term care homes. Three times, those calls have been ignored by the Ontario government. Newly built homes must have sprinklers, but not older ones.

But sprinklers are just one thing to look for if you're considering putting a loved one in a long-term care home. We've put together some tips to help you navigate the waters.

Visit in person. Be sure to visit the home and talk to people who live there, or who have family in the home. Do more than one tour and show up unannounced. Ask to see different floors in a home, including any locked areas. And visit at different times of day, including during meals, and at night.

Check compliance reports. Your province may have reports online for long-term care homes that will tell you about potential problems.

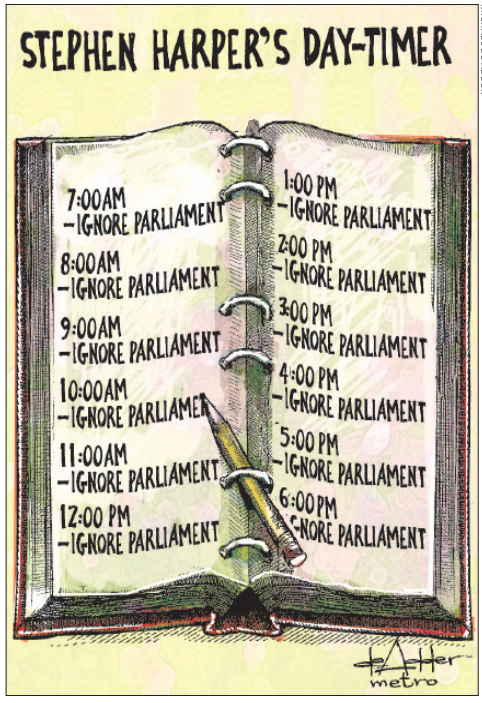
Ask about staffing levels. What's the staff-to-resident ratio? Does it change at night? Ask to see what the fire evacuation plan is overnight.

Talk to people. If the home has a family council, talk to the people who sit on the board.

Look up. If the home doesn't have sprinklers, ask why not and whether they might be installed soon. Ontario fire chiefs — and their counterparts in other provinces — have been calling for older homes to be retroactively fitted for sprinklers for years. Ask your elected politicians why that hasn't happened.

Tonight on CBC Television at 8:30, watch what happens when Marketplace sets two rooms on fire — one equipped with a sprinkler, the other without.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday night at 8:30 on CBC Television.



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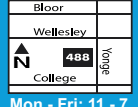

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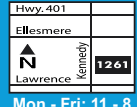

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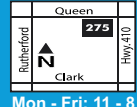

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Second Cup saw sales decline in 2009 at cafés open at least a year.

Second Cup back in the black

RETAIL Coffee store chain operator Second Cup Income Fund returned to profitability in the fourth quarter and full year of fiscal 2009 despite sliding same-café sales, the company said Thursday.

The fund also announced plans to convert to a corporation from an income trust by the beginning of the next year.

The Toronto-based retailer reported net income of $4.1 million or 42 cents per unit, reversing year-earlier losses of $17.7 million or $1.79 per unit.

Despite a 1.3 per cent decline in same-café sales, the fund said quarterly revenue more than doubled to $7.3 million from $3.4 million recorded the year before. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Savings not enough

Put aside 10 to 21% of income, Dodge says

David Dodge, former governor of the Bank of Canada, says Canadians need to save far more if they want to retire comfortably — even those Canadians who think they have great company pension plans and solid RRSPs.

In a study on savings for the C.D. Howe Institute, Dodge finds that if Canadians want to maintain the same standard of living after they retire, they need to stash away between 10 and 21 per cent of their pre-tax savings every year, starting from the time they're 35.

"This fraction is likely far higher than many Canadians believe and higher than is set aside in most employer-based group RSPs or defined-contribution plans," Dodge writes in the paper, co-written with Alexandre Laurin and Colin Busby.

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David Dodge, former Bank of Canada chief

"It is also higher than the effective contribution over time of employer-sponsored defined benefit plans. And for high-income earners, (it) exceeds the annual limits placed on RRSP contributions."

For Canadians over the age of 35 who have not kept up with their savings, they'll need to put aside far more than 20 per cent of their income, for a smooth retirement, the paper says. Or, they'll have to work well past the age of 65.

Dodge and two co-authors did the number-crunching in order to make people realize why there's so much government discussion about reforming the country's retirement-income system. They've issued what they call a "piggy bank index" that allows Canadians to match their savings to what they hope to have in retirement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

BLACK GOLD Canada's oil industry is poised to see profits rise by two-thirds this year compared with 2009, thanks to higher crude oil prices, increased oilsands production and lower costs, according to a forecast by a business think-tank. The Conference Board of Canada predicted Thursday that profits before taxes will be about $8.1 billion in 2010. That's a big boost from the $4.9 billion the industry raked in last year, when the recession dampened demand for oil. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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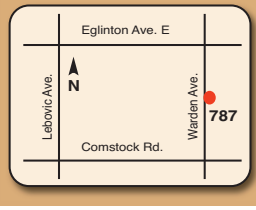

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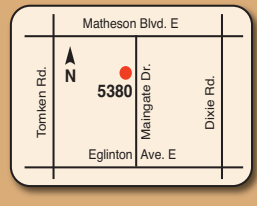

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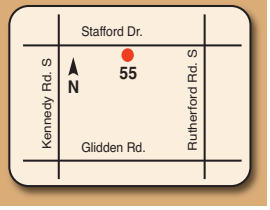

Axmin looking to buy Bermuda-based developer

Mineral explorer Axmin Inc. says it is in exclusive talks to buy Bermuda-based AfNat Resources Ltd., an explorer and developer that trades on the London Stock Exchange. Axmin has until April 16 to come to an agreement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Autos blamed for trade dip

Last year's collapse of the North American auto sector caused trade with the U.S. and Mexico to suffer its worst year since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect 15 years ago, the U.S. Transportation Department said Thursday.

Although trade ended the year on a good note, it fell by 23.3 per cent overall in 2009 compared with 2008. That marked the largest annual decrease since NAFTA went into effect in 1994 as the value of products that were shipped by truck, rail and pipeline between Canada, the United States and Mexico dropped to $637 billion US in 2009.

The value of trade decreased by 31.1 per cent during the first six months of the year, and by 14.9 per cent in the second half.

2.3% Canadian truckers who have seen their business with the U.S. grow over the past 20 years watched it decrease 2.3 per cent to $8.8 billion US in 2009.

Fuelled by the economic crisis and the bankruptcy of General Motors and Chrysler, monthly trade reached its low point in May, falling 35.4 per cent to $47.9 billion US. Surface trade between Canada and the U.S. totalled $386 billion US in 2009, a decrease of 28.1 per cent.

Canada's strongest trade was with Michigan, the home of the Big Three automakers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Electric dream Nissan turns Leaf

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Using Nissan Motors Co.'s Leaf zero-emission electric vehicle as a backdrop in Tokyo, Japan, chief operating officer Toshiyuki Shiga announces the launch of the CHAdeMO Association, which will promote electric cars. Nissan said Thursday it will build the Leaf in England from early 2013 as it gears up for global sales of the zero-emission car. The association includes Japanese automakers Fuji Heavy Industries and Tokyo Electric Power Co.

Parity may not translate into lower book prices in Canada

BOOKS Bookworms north of the border shouldn't expect to pay the same prices as their American neighbours if the loonie hits parity with the greenback.

Susan Dayus of the Canadian Booksellers Association says shoppers will continue to pay a few dollars more because most books prices were negotiated up to a year before they hit the shelves.

Dayus says when the dollar hit parity in 2007, some booksellers decided to sell books at par, which further strained already tight profit margins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Import rules

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Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and welterweight champion Shane Mosley will undergo Olympic-style drug testing for their May 1 fight in Las Vegas, which they hope will set a new standard for boxing. Mayweather and Mosley will be subjected to an unlimited number of unannounced blood and urine tests before and after the fight, and the results will be stored for future analysis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Murray State forward Danero Thomas gets off the game-winning shot over Vanderbilt guard Lance Goulbourne Thursday as the clock winds down on the NCAA first-round college basketball game.

Murray State shocks Vanderbilt

BASKETBALL Murray State coach Billy Kennedy went with his gut and drew up a play his team had never run before, with Isacc Miles the go-to guy at the end.

Third option Danero Thomas became the hero instead.

Thomas hit a 15-footer as the buzzer sounded and 13th-seeded Murray State stunned No. 4 seed Vanderbilt 66-65 Thursday in an NCAA tournament opener in the West Regional.

"That shot was bigger than he could imagine," Murray State's B.J. Jenkins said. "It wasn't just a game-winning shot. We'll remember this for the rest of our lives."

U.S. President Barack Obama must have been onto something picking these revved-up Racers (31-4) to get past the first round. It was the school's first victory in the NCAA tournament since a 78-75 win over North Carolina State in 1988.

For the second time in as many appearances, Vanderbilt (24-9) bowed out early as the higher seed. The Commodores were also a first-round upset victim by Siena in 2008 when seeded fourth.

Murray State, the mid-major that came in with a dismal 1-13 all-time NCAA tournament record, will play again Saturday at HP Pavilion against Butler after it beat UTEP 77-59.

Jermaine Beal made two free throws with 12.7 seconds left to give Vandy the lead. B.J. Jenkins missed a rushed three-pointer on the other end, but the ball went out of bounds off a Vanderbilt player with 4.2 seconds left to give Murray State the final shot. When it went down, Murray State's players sprinted to the other end of the floor and fell into a celebratory pile beneath the basket

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Wright helps young Raps lift their games

Antoine Wright has become something of the social conscience of the Raptors, the guy more than willing to demand excellence and improvement of his coaches and teammates and of himself.

He has openly questioned coach Jay Triano and privately challenged young teammates like Sonny Weems and DeMar DeRozan, he will speak his mind and give an honest and open assessment of how things are going.

Ask him, for instance, to discuss the development of the rookie DeRozan, and he's quick to point out that it's not the youngster's sudden decision to be more aggressive offensively. Instead, he notes DeRozan's shortcomings on the defensive end of the floor.

"I never knew a dude who could jump that high to have the (low) amount of blocks that he has," Wright said in his typical blunt manner after practice Thursday.

"It's a shame because you're cheating our team by not using that athletic ability on both ends of the court."

That's what people have come to expect from Wright, who should be back in the lineup Friday when Toronto hosts the Oklahoma City Thunder after missing Wednesday's game with a bad ankle.

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Antoine Wright, right, and teammates DeMar DeRozan, left, and Chris Bosh return to the court after a timeout earlier this season.

DeRozan and Weems, a couple of colts still trying to figure out the NBA and their place in it, are Wright's main projects at the moment. And while DeRozan has made great strides offensively, he still needs major improvement at the other end and that's where Wright's incessant harping could have its greatest impact.

"He was more of a scorer coming in; defence is not glorified at all," Wright said of DeRozan.

"I think what he's understanding is that he sets the tone of the game and you let a guy like (Oklahoma City's) Kevin Durant make his first five shots, it's going to be difficult for me and Sonny to come there and put that fire out."

The message seems to be getting through, too. Triano, once averse to putting DeRozan in a close game down the stretch because of the rookie's defensive liabilities, now has no trouble having him on the floor in those situations.

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Sports in brief

NHL The NHL came down hard on James Wisniewski, handing the Anaheim Ducks defenceman an eight-game suspension Thursday for his hit on Chicago's Brent Seabrook. It's the longest suspension league disciplinarian Colin Campbell has handed out this regular season and comes at a time when the NHL is under pressure to make the game safer.

NHL The Bruins wasted little time retaliating against the Pittsburgh Penguins' Matt Cooke for his blindside hit that left Boston centre Marc Savard with a Grade 2 concussion. In the teams' first meeting since Savard was hurt by a shoulder-to-head hit March 7 in Pittsburgh, Cooke and Boston's Shawn Thornton dropped their gloves at 1:58 of the first period Thursday night.

BASEBALL A day after acknowledging he failed a drug test for cocaine last year, Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington says he used marijuana and amphetamines while he was a player. Washington calls his past drug use a "youthful error."

BULL RIDING Former CFL and NFL receiver Rocket Ismail has a new job as a television announcer for bull riding. Ismail, who began his pro career with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts before heading to the NFL, will serve as a correspondent for some of the Professional Bull Riders telecasts on cable channel Versus.

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Jays thump Orioles
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NHL RESULTS

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VS

Forward Phil Kessel bristled when someone suggested the final few games of the Toronto Maple Leafs' lost season lacked meaning.

"They mean stuff — they mean stuff to us," he said Thursday morning, replying to the offending questioner in a polite, but stern, tone.

A few hours later, in one of only a dozen games left on the Leafs' regular-season schedule, Kessel scored once in regulation and again in the shootout to help Toronto to its fifth win in six games, 2-1 over the New Jersey Devils.

Nikolai Kulemin and John Mitchell also scored shootout goals for the Leafs, while Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 24 saves in regulation and overtime.

Yann Danis made 24 saves for the Devils in place of Martin Brodeur, who was given the night off.

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Toronto Maple Leaf Christian Hanson and New Jersey Devil David Clarkson battle on the ice Thursday night at the ACC.

It was a rare night's work for Danis, who also happened to be in goal the night Jean-Sebastien Giguere made his Leafs debut Feb. 2, a 3-0 Toronto win. Brodeur, not surprisingly, is undefeated against the Leafs this season.

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Cottagers complete comeback; barnburner at Bremen

Fulham overcame a three-goal aggregate deficit against Juventus to reach the Europa League quarter-finals, and David Villa's hat trick helped Valencia advance after a 4-4 draw at Werder Bremen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Japan's Takayuki Endo, left, and Canada's Greg Westlake collide Thursday during semifinal ice sledge hockey action at the Paralympics. Japan advanced to the finals with a surprising 3-1 win.

Sledge shocker

Canada won't go for gold

There will be no Canadian hockey hat trick in Vancouver.

Canada was upset 3-1 by Japan in the Paralympic sledge hockey semifinal Thursday. The Canadians were looking to complete the gold medal sweep after the men and women won their respective titles at the Olympics last month.

Canada will now go for bronze Friday against the loser of the United States-Norway semifinal.

Japan has played Canada 12 times since Hockey Canada started overseeing the sledge team program in 2004, but had never won until Thursday.

Takayuki Endo scored twice for Japan while Daisuke Uehara had the winner.

Marc Dorion scored the lone goal for Canada.

Canada was the heavy favourite heading into the game but struggled from the get-go, failing to click on routine passes and missing the net on a number of opportunities.

Dorion opened the scoring late in the first when Canada was on a power play. He was stopped on his first two whacks from just outside the crease by Japanese goaltender Mitsuru Nagase, but stuck with it and his third attempt trickled over the line.

Japan looked like the better team to start the second period and while buzzing around the Canadian zone, drew a penalty on Todd Nicholson.

Canada killed the minor but Nicholson committed a turnover on his next shift, firing a pass up the middle of the ice that Endo picked off before strolling in all alone and beating Paul Rosen glove side.

Canada quickly had an opportunity to reclaim the lead when Westlake sent Brad Bowden in alone on Nagase. Bowden deked to the forehand and snapped the puck high, hitting Nagase in the mask.

Canada was all over Japan for much of the third period and a sprawling attempt from Westlake just outside the crease was stopped by Nagase with two minutes to go.

But while pushing for the winner, Canada got caught deep and Japan broke free on a 3-on-1 with Uehara beating Rosen with 1:13 to go.

Endo's second of the game late in the third secured the win. THE CANADIAN PRESS

But still a great day for Canada's Paralympic skiers

MEDALS It was a gold-medal bonanza for Canada at the Paralympics Thursday.

Canada doubled its tally by winning three golds in alpine and cross-country ski events.

Alpine skier Lauren Woolstencroft of North Vancouver, B.C., won her third gold with a victory in the women's standing downhill while visually impaired cross-country skier Brian McKeever captured his second gold in the 10-kilometre classic race.

Viviane Forest of Edmonton also took gold in the women's downhill for the visually impaired. It was her third medal of the Paralympics, but first gold.

Colette Bourgonje also won a bronze in the women's five-kilometre sitting cross-country ski race.

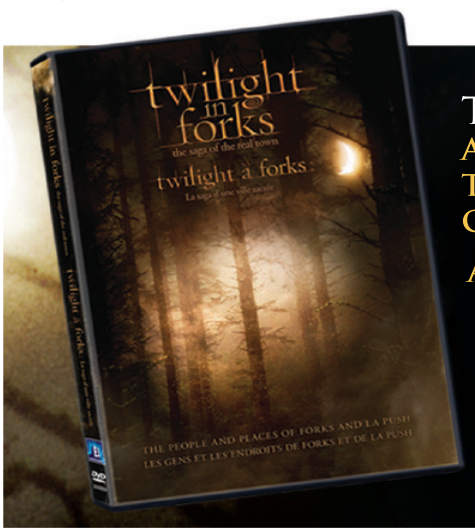
Woolstencroft, who also has golds in the slalom and giant slalom, won in one minute 25.54 seconds. Solene Jambaque of France was second in 1:29.94. Canada's Andrea Dziewior fell at the finish line and was taken away on a stretcher.

Forest and guide Lindsay Debou of Whistler, B.C., covered the course in 1:27.51. Forest also won a silver in the slalom and a bronze in giant slalom.

McKeever and his brother Robin, who acts as his guide, won with a time of 26:01.6.

McKeever qualified for the Canadian Olympic team in January and was poised to become the first winter sport athlete to compete in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. But the Winter Games ended in heartbreak for McKeever after the Canadian coaching staff decided not to start him in his event, the gruelling 50 kilometres.

Canada now has six gold, three silver and three bronze. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Beautiful game in an ugly situation

Soccer helped prisoners of apartheid endure

There is a small, flat island 12 kilometres off the coast of Cape Town with an incredible soccer history.

Here the prisoners of South Africa's apartheid regime, including Nelson Mandela, broke rocks in a quarry as punishment for opposing racial segregation.

At Robben Island, the country's white minority went about the business of degrading leaders of the African National Congress, who they considered to be terrorists.

"They attempted to dehumanize us from the start," Dr. Sedick Isaacs said as he walked slowly across the overgrown playing fields still baking in the hot sun and surrounded by razor wire.

"Once we got over here the guards began to assault us and told us we would never see home again."

Isaacs served time at Robben Island from 1964 to 1977. He and other prisoners subsisted on meagre rations of porridge. They were regularly beaten and verbally abused by the guards.

But in the paltry library, they found a FIFA rule book and devised a plan to play soccer in an organized fashion; partly as resistance, but mostly to endure.

The result was the Makana Football Association, which required every prisoner to take part as either a player or an official. The International Red Cross was an ally in pressuring Robben Island wardens to allow the men time for exercise.

The prisoners responded by grading their own fields and forming a three-division league, replicating the structure of international soccer at the highest level.

"Soccer was our survival," said Isaacs. "It was a moment of joy we anticipated. Once the games were over we would relive them for the next few days, and by that time we could look forward to playing again the following Saturday."

Sedick Isaacs still gets flashbacks when he returns to Robben Island. He lost much of his spirit here, along with his youth. But he has strong feelings about soccer and the common ground he cultivated with his fellow detainees.

Today, Robben Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tens of thousands are expected to visit during this summer's FIFA World Cup.

While the most high-profile soccer ever played on African soil will unfold at stadiums like Green Point in Cape Town, perhaps the most significant games took place on this barren island just offshore.

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Former South African president Nelson Mandela is shown outside his old prison cell at Robben Island, off the coast of Cape Town.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Heil racks up another Cup title

MOGULS SKIING Canadian freestyle skier Jennifer Heil won her fifth overall World Cup title in women's moguls.

The native of Spruce Grove, Alta., a silver medallist at last month's Vancouver Olympics, didn't compete in Thursday's final competition of the season due to a seized hamstring and quadriceps muscle.

But her results from the rest of the season were enough to secure the Crystal Globe.

Heil won eight medals this season, including four golds, to finish atop the women's moguls standings with 725 points.

She was second in the overall women's freestyle standings.

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Here are some of the more interesting things happening in the city from now until May:

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Harry Potter: The Exhibition will feature props and costumes from the films at the Ontario Science Centre, while Craig Ferguson, right, plays Massey Hall on April 23.

Cinefranco
March 26-April 3

Francophone films hit up Toronto at Cinefranco, a film festival devoted to showcasing international Francophone cinema. This year marks the 13th anniversary of the festival and viewings will be held at the AMC Yonge & Dundas cinema.

Grease
April 7-18

The classic story comes to the Canon Theatre with American Idol season 5 winner Taylor Hicks playing the role of Teen Angel in his Broadway debut role. Expect to hear all the classic songs and to see some great costumes in a show that is sure to be as exciting as greased lightnin'.

American Idol season 5 winner Taylor Hicks is playing the role of Teen Angel in Grease, which hits the Canon Theatre on April 7.

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Harry Potter: The Exhibition
April 9-Aug. 22

Potterites rejoice, your favourite wizard is getting his own exposition at the Ontario Science Centre complete with a look at 200 costumes and props from the films and an interactive area for people to get in on the fun. Pulling out a Mandrake root or test out your Quidditch skills by tossing a quaffle — cheating with magic is certainly encouraged.

Craig Ferguson
April 23

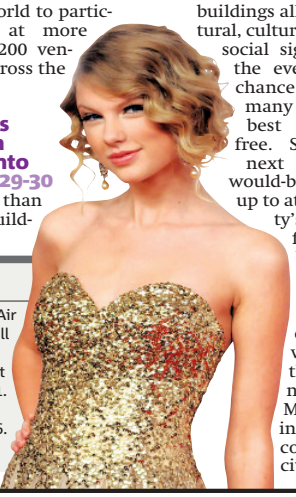
The host of The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson comes to Massey Hall for a round of his edgy yet intellectual stand-up comedy. If you haven't seen his show because it airs past your bedtime, rest assured Ferguson is a very funny guy famous for his tightly scripted, themed monologues that have made him a hit with viewers.

Contact Toronto
May 1-31

The GTA transforms into an outdoor art gallery during Contact Toronto, the city's annual celebration of photography and image-making. Expect more than 500 artists from around the world to participate at more than 200 venues across the city.

Doors Open Toronto
May 29-30

More than 150 buildings open their doors across Toronto for free access to the public on the weekend of Doors Open Toronto. Participating buildings all have architectural, cultural, historical or social significance and the event is a great chance to get into many of the city's best museums for free. See what the next generation of would-be lawyers are up to at York University's Osgoode Hall, find out how beer is brewed at the Steam Whistle Brewery downtown or gaze with wonder upon the Swaminarayan Mandir Marble Temple in the northwest corner of the city.



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- **Bobby McFerrin** performs at Roy Thomson Hall on March 26. Call 416-872-4255 for tickets.
- **Billy Talent** heads to the Air Canada Centre on March 28. For tickets, call 416-870-8000.
- **Hedley** hits the Air Canada Centre on April 5. For tickets, call 416-870-8000.
- **Nickleback** will be at the Air Canada Centre on April 8. Call 416-870-8000 for tickets.
- **Taylor Swift**, right, performs at the Air Canada Centre on May 21. For tickets, call 416-870-8000.
- **Korn** play Arrow Hall on April 6. Call 416-870-8000 for tickets.

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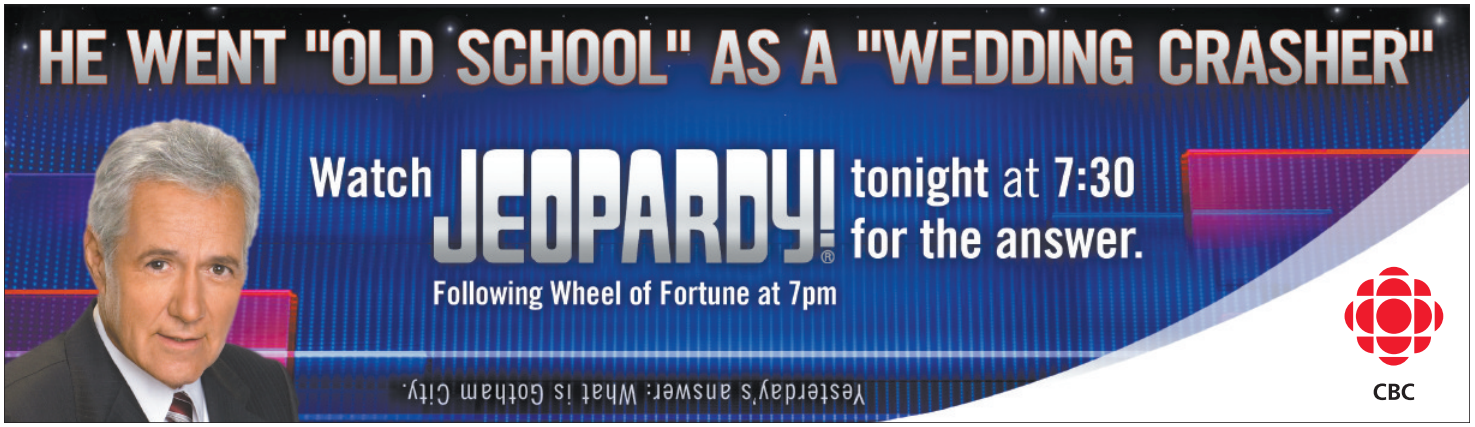

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Bounty just fool's gold

Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler mine for rom-com treasures in The Bounty Hunter.

The Bounty **Hunter**

Director: Andy Tennant
Stars: Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Bounty Hunter begins with Jennifer Aniston breaking free from the trunk of Gerard Butler's car. And once moviegoers see this film, the actress may consider crawling back in.

In this largely unfunny hybrid of a romantic-comedy/action flick, Butler plays Milo, an ex-cop turned bounty hunter who gets the call to track down his journalist ex-wife (Aniston) when she ditches out on a court appearance.

Thinking it will be easy money (he knows where she lives after all), Milo traces her simply enough but soon the pair find themselves involved in a mysterious unsolved case, being chased by loan sharks and oops! Falling in love all over again!

Yes, it's as cooked up as a date movie can get but it wouldn't suffer as much had the script at least delivered a few zingers. It doesn't.

Then again, Director Andy Tennant (Fool's Gold) isn't exactly known for a subtle touch.

Even so, trying to force a marriage of car chases and romantic-comedy may be the most questionable device.

After all, here it only ensures to divorce the audience from investing in whatever mysterious affection these characters might feel for each other. It certainly isn't revealed through charming dialogue.

In fact, even Butler and Aniston appear to realize this concoction isn't going anywhere and it strains their questionable on-screen chemistry.

Moreover, the absence of comedy is only heightened by a seemingly endless mix of music whose distracting placement could possibly be mistaken as the soundtrack to an entirely different movie.

Then again, that may have been just wishful thinking on my part.

On the web

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Even gore can't save Repo

Repo **Men**

Director: Miguel Sapochnik
Stars: Jude Law, Forest Whittaker, Alice Braga
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Jude Law stars in Repo Men.

REVIEW If you like seeing graphic close-ups of torsos being torn open to remove vital organs, then Repo Men is a movie for you.

It seems like that's all director Miguel Sapochnik was interested in filming in his debut feature as he fills the screen with bloody entrails every few minutes.

Unfortunately Sapochnik is bored by simple pleasures like clear storytelling and compelling characters because every scene that doesn't feature gore is lazily assembled and often incomprehensible.

Set in a world where corporations specialize in producing prohibitively expensive artificial organs that require payment plans, Jude Law and Forest Whitaker star as a pair of repo men assigned to involuntarily remove organs from customers who are late on payments.

The concept is ripped off of a Monty Python sketch, but is clever enough to deliver consistent dark comedy for about 20 minutes.

Unfortunately this is a feature length movie and once Jude Law gets his own artificial heart and faces off against his former employers, things get increasingly absurd to the point that any audience member with a brain will be forced to throw their popcorn at the screen out of sheer frustration.

It all climaxes with one of the most ludicrous scenes ever caught on film in which Law and his newfound girlfriend make out while tearing holes in each other to scan their artificial organs into a computer.

Simply put, Repo Men is a disaster. The concept is difficult to buy from the outset and somehow manages to become even less believable with each passing second.

The talented cast do what they can with the material, but everyone involved appears to be embarrassed by their appearance in the project.

The only saving grace are a few entertaining gore gags, but when all you can get out of a non-horror movie is a handful of entertainingly bloody moments then something is seriously wrong. Recommend for cinematic masochists only.

- For a trailer of Repo Men, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Shaken and stirred ... with a bite
Robert Pattinson is keen to leave his fans shaken and stirred — he wants to play James Bond. The Twilight hunk is a huge fan of the 007 franchise, and is eyeing a possible takeover from current superspy Daniel Craig. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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How to make a Dragon movie

Directors turn book series into a 3-D fantasy adventure

Director Chris Sanders, left, and Dean DeBlois.

Canadian actor Jay Baruchel plays a young Viking in How To Train a Dragon.

How To Train A Dragon opens next Friday

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Filmmakers Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders know how to make a dragon movie. And the animators proved it by directing the newest family adventure to hit theatres — How to Train a Dragon.

In the 3-D-animated comedy (which is based on a popular series of kids' books), Canadian actor Jay Baruchel voices Hiccup, a bumbling young Viking who gains the respect of his family and friends after he trains a dragon — the dreaded enemy of the Norse (at least in this film).

So what exactly are the secrets to making an animated dragon movie? We got the answers when DeBlois and Sanders (Lilo & Stitch) recently visited Toronto:

First, make good source material your own.

"The world of the books differs considerably from what we did," said DeBlois who explained that they turned the author's "iguana-sized dragon" into a menacing black monster. "We needed one that was powerful and dangerous… (the studio) ultimately wanted a big fantasy adventure and so the elements were there but it took some hardline decisions."

Next, find a partner.

"(Chris and I) write together and we direct together and we just act as each other's toughest critics," explained DeBlois. "I trust his sensibility and he trusts mine … it's like two soul musicians who write better music together than they do separately."

The film also featured more than 300 crew members working over a brief 14-month schedule. "You have like fifty scenes out there at once that are in various stages of being produced so it's a marathon," added Sanders. "You've got to keep your energy up so that's another reason to partner with somebody — there's just so much to do."

Finally, hire a great cast that includes Baruchel and Gerard Butler.

"They really worked their characters; they really want to get inside the heads of them," said DeBlois of a voice cast that also included talk-show host Craig Ferguson.

"It's a very draining thing strangely to stand in front of a microphone and do these lines over and over again and try to picture a scene that isn't really happening around you," added Sanders.

Wimpy Kid simply child's play

Diary of a **Wimpy Kid**

Director: Thor Freudenthal
Stars: Zachary Condon, Robert Capron, Chloe Moretz
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

Diary of A Wimpy Kid explores the pangs of middle school.

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Sometimes you have to feel sorry for pint-sized young filmgoers. There are certainly plenty of movies out there for kids, but most of them are incredibly bland exercises made by adults trying too hard to ensure that they don't offend children's delicate sensibilities.

For the most part this isn't done to please kids, but their parents who want to be sure they aren't warping young minds.

This leads to countless projects like Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, a film that is sweet and has its heart in the right place, but offers no surprises.

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid is about a youngster embarking on his first year in middle school. He's suddenly all too conscious of the need to seem cool and fit in, immediately embarking on a quest to raise his social status.

Of course, it all goes wrong and soon he's ruining amateur stage productions, fighting with bullies, working as a hall monitor, and participating in a few other kid movie clichés.

It's a slick production with some impressive work from the child actors (including Chloe Moretz, who will soon be seen taking out dozens of grown men as the world's youngest assassin in Kick Ass) and a nice message about individuality.

But sadly it's missing spark and creativity. Chances are some young viewers will identify with the themes and enjoy the movie, but all parents and sharper kids are sure to find it bland and slightly condescending.

There's nothing wrong with simple and inoffensive children's filmmaking, but just because viewers are young doesn't mean that they don't deserve originality.

An argument could be made that the inexperienced audiences for movies like this won't know what they're missing out on, which is probably true. But kids still deserve better. Many talented people clearly worked on Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, it's just a shame that no one bothered to think of any new ideas.

"'Greenberg' has a SOUL, a HEART, and most importantly a SENSE OF HUMOR – not just about the world, but about itself!"
–STEPHANIE ZACHAREK, SALON.COM

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Director Noah Baumbach brings his best game: a laser-sharp script and a deft wit. Rhys Ifans is amazing."
–CARYN JAMES, MARIE CLAIRE

"BEN STILLER IS A REVELATION.
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Azaria a Smurfs villain

The new CG/live-action blended Smurfs movie has been gathering up cast members and voices. And now it has a voice for its villain, Gargamel in The Simpsons' Hank Azaria. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Kristen Stewart, left, and Dakota Fanning find their rock soul in The Runaways.

Runaways rocks in style

The Runaways

Director: Floria Sigismondi
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's no denying that The Runaways broke open the doors for many-a-female rocker to walk through. In fact, it seems shocking that until 1975 there hadn't even been an all-girl rock act on the scene.

However outside of that eyebrow-raising factoid, The Runaways' history is highlighted by little outside the conventional rock 'n' roll rags-to-riches-to-rags story. That's perhaps the biggest hurdle for the band's cinematic namesake.

Directed by Canadian-bred music video wunderkind Floria Sigismondi, The Runaways stares down the brief band life of future I Love Rock 'N' Roll hitmaker Joan Jett (Kristen Stewart) and 15-year old singer Cherie Currie (Dakota Fanning).

Surging with teenage sexuality and angst, each are misfits until they meet up through the music.

But as their band swiftly reaches stardom (they were actually huge in Japan), drugs, booze and exploitation take its toll on young egos and identities.

Loosely adapting Currie's 1989 autobiography, Sigismondi has insisted she aimed to reveal an important coming-of-age story.

But that only causes one to question why she then excised a sexual abuse experience that was pivotal to Currie's motivations. Or, for that matter, why she focused instead on making The Runaways one giant music video.

To that end, The Runaways is a marvel. Stylish, slick and at a snappy pace, Sigismondi keeps the music raging and the nostalgia flowing.

The film will gather fans of a generation of moviegoers who've grown-up distanced from the '70s but in the end, The Runaways celebrates the girls' music more than anything.

The central problem there is, how many songs of theirs can you name?

Cooking With Stella tasty treat

Cooking With Stella

Director: Dilip Mehta
Stars: Don McKellar, Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

REVIEW This gorgeously shot, exotic fable will leave audiences entertained and hungry. And perhaps wondering why they're rooting for a thieving opportunist.

Lisa Ray and Don McKellar are Maya and Michael, a diplomat to the Canadian High Commission in Delhi, India, and her chef husband.

They arrive at the official residence to an incomprehensible class system and a tenured, disapproving cook named Stella (Seema Biswas). She can't hide her disdain for Michael, who stays home with the baby while Maya works. It's not that she's sexist; she has a job to do.

Stella's running a booming black market grocery business using High Commission food, a thirty--year old scam involving grocers, butchers, delivery people and the servant class, family and friends.

Her phone rings incessantly (Jingle Bells) with orders for Canadian goods ("Ice wine! Not rice wine!") and she pockets the proceeds.

It's a reliable system that has allowed her to elude detection by the parade of diplomats that come through. At night in her humble hovel, she thanks God for the riches he bestows on her and asks forgiveness for the way she gets them.

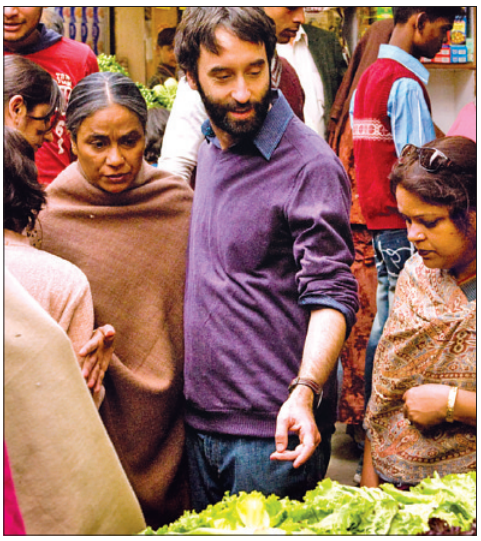
An honest nanny named Tannu (Shriya Saran) arrives on the scene and is soon scammed into handing over money to a local fellow who may or may not have saved her twice from street thugs. When her father gives her permission to do anything it takes to make money, she partners with Stella and it turns out, she's pretty good at it.

Meanwhile, Stella has grudgingly accepted Michael's presence in the house and has become his cooking guru. All is well as they bond over simmering spices, luscious fruits, and fragrant rice — until Stella is kidnapped and held for ransom.

It's a joy to watch Seema Biswas at work creating a character that is cunning, underhanded, mean and ruthless – and absolutely charming.

Dilip Mehta's love letter to Delhi is spirited, lighthearted, and lovely to look at. But it seems strangely out of sync with Stella's relentless corruption, creating a spicy dramatic tension.

Mehta shoots a beautiful, sensual film; his background as an artist, photographer, and documentary filmmaker serves the script which he wrote with his sister Deepa Mehta. It's a treat.



Don McKellar stars in Cooking With Stella.

Seyfried goes Ivy League
Amanda Seyfried, fresh from seducing everyone around her in Chloe, is planning a new film with McG, based on the Rolling Stone article The Girl Who Conned The Ivy League. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Stiller relates to Greenberg gig

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Ben Stiller had little trouble relating to his character in Greenberg — Noah Baumbach's new film about a misanthropic failed musician adrift in Los Angeles after a nervous breakdown — but he insists that's just because of a monumental birthday.

"I think a lot of people could identify with what he's going through," Stiller explains, tying Greenberg's neuroses to turning 40. "For me it was a big birthday — it's already a while ago. It's a point in your life when you go, 'Wow, I guess I don't have more ahead of me than I have behind me.'"

Heavy stuff for a film that's ostensibly a comedy, but it's the warped worldview of the character that interested Stiller.

"It's a classic midlife situation, but it can be very hard for somebody who hasn't gotten to a place where they wanted to be," he says. "I think you'd be a little callous or have a pretty big sense of yourself to think that anybody's immune from that."

Midlife crisis talk aside, Stiller was mostly just happy to get a chance with writer-director Baumbach.

"I'm a very big fan of his," he says. "I would've done probably any role he sent me. Movies like that don't come around that often."

Certainly 44-year-old Stiller, with a thriving career as an actor, a writer and a director, doesn't have to worry about relating to his character's lack of success. Everyone has goals, Stiller says, but it's important to not bog yourself down with them.

"I don't think you can do that to yourself and be a happy person. I think you just have to have a sense of where you're at," he says. "To me, the biggest thing that I'm trying to get to is just to be OK in the moment, just be OK where I am right now. Because that's the only place that I've ever found true happiness. Anything that's result-oriented never ends up being that fulfilling because it's not in the moment. That's the lesson that I keep on getting taught and trying to learn."

Another way Stiller's been finding happiness lately is through his charity work, recently becoming one of the most vocal supporters of relief work in Haiti.

But with the earthquake that devastated the country fading from public memory, Stiller says he and his organization are working even harder to keep awareness up.

"It is hard because it's a long-term rebuilding process, and there's never been anything like this. And I think people, you know, through just natural human inclination, have to detach at a certain point," he says. "Our job is just to keep the attention there. And I think that will be in increments, like in six months saying, 'Hey, we're building this bunch of schools here,' or in a year we're going to do this fundraiser, because it is hard to keep people's attention on it."

Ben Stiller plays a failed musician in Greenberg.

Greenberg opens next Friday

Nobody comes between Mother and son

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Hye-Ja Kim plays a mom out to clear her son's name in Mother.

FEATURE The title character of Korean director Bong Joon-Ho's new thriller Mother is a sexagenarian woman (Hye-Ja Kim) living in a rural town who refuses to accept that her adult son has been charged with murder.

Her increasingly frantic attempts to clear his name — in spite of mounting evidence connecting him to the killing — form the spine of one of the most accomplished and audacious films of the year.

"(Her character) is, in a way, quite typical of mothers in Korea," explains Bong, who conceived the story after the smash success of his 2006 monster movie The Host.

"There are a lot of things that mothers can do that the country or the society at large cannot. That was actually the reason that I omitted any sort of mother character from The Host: if there had been a maternal figure there, the family would not have coped with the situation so poorly. They would have behaved better."

This is not to say that Bong's protagonist is a poster girl for maternity. It's clear that her son (Won Bin) was damaged at some point in his childhood; there are aspects of his character that suggest mental illness, reminiscent of the hero of The Host.

Bong denies the connection, however. "I'm not particularly interested in people with mental illness," he says. "I would say that I am more interested in the less privileged members of a society. In The Host, [these people] help each other and work together; in Mother, it is the opposite. They hurt each other. That is the different and dark side of this movie."

"(Her character) is, in a way, quite typical of mothers in Korea."
Bong Joon-Ho

What does link Mother to Bong's earlier films (including also 2003's excellent Memories of Murder) is the director's remarkable formal control: every colour has been carefully chosen for symbolic heft.

"I wanted to clearly separate the mother from all the other elements of the movie," says Bong. "So you see her red and violet clothes standing out against the desaturated blue tone. That's the son's colour — an obscure sky blue. It's a way to show that we don't really know him — even his own mother doesn't know him. I was trying for a feeling of ambiguity."

Hubble's space opera

Hubble
Director: Toni Meyers
Classification: STC
Rating: NA

REVIEW Remember those jokes about the Hubble telescope needing a blind man's cane and dark glasses when it went into orbit 20 years ago and immediately proved nearsighted?

After eye surgery by NASA astronauts to fix a warped mirror, the Hubble has become an instrument of penetrating vision that has allowed astronomers to peer into the farthest reaches of space and catch fantastic glimpses into the universe's distant past.

Glorious pictures created from the data collected by Hubble, along with closer-to-home footage of NASA's final nursemaid mission to the telescope last year, are presented in Hubble 3D (out today in Toronto in in 2-D version). The film is narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio and offers an elegant portrait of the best spy cam humanity has ever invented. Projected in an almost tactile three dimensions on giant IMAX screens, Hubble is about as close as most of us ever will get to a trip into space.

The images practically put the audience on board the space shuttle Atlantis alongside the crew that went up in May 2009 to pull the telescope into the ship's bay so astronauts could give it a tuneup. The view is humbling and heavenly enough to make you feel puny and exhilarated at the same time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkey time for Wilson, Harrelson

Long-time friends Owen Wilson and Woody Harrelson are finally pairing up for a movie. The duo will play animated turkeys, Reggie and Brock, who discover a time machine and travel back to the first Thanksgiving to take themselves off the menu. EW.COM

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Atom power transforms Amanda

Seyfried perfect for Chloe, Canadian director says

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

In Chloe, the new psychological thriller from Canadian director Atom Egoyan, Amanda Seyfried plays an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity.

Chloe opens next Friday

Following starring roles in Mean Girls, Mama Mia and the popular HBO show Big Love, this is her first real adult part. It's a complicated and showy role for the 25-year-old actress, and she credits Egoyan with pushing her to deepen the character by exploring every facet of Chloe's life.

"It's a broad spectrum of emotions the audience feels about her," she says, "and in order to make the audience feel that way you have to play it right and in order for me to play it right I had to have Atom Egoyan.

"Mr. Egoyan," she continues, "is a genius and he's what good filmmaking is all about. I know it's going to be difficult for me to choose my next project based on what I just went through with him. It has raised the bar into a very high place."

It's obvious that Seyfried admires Egoyan, but it appears to be a mutual appreciation society. In a separate interview the director called the actress's audition "exceptional."

"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal," he said. "We knew that from the moment we did the audition. There was just something about her. Fortunately in the intervening period she suddenly became a star with Mama Mia."

Amanda Seyfried, left, director Atom Egoyan and Julianne Moore on the set of Chloe.

Her star was on the rise before they made the film, but on the first day Egoyan had a moment of doubt.

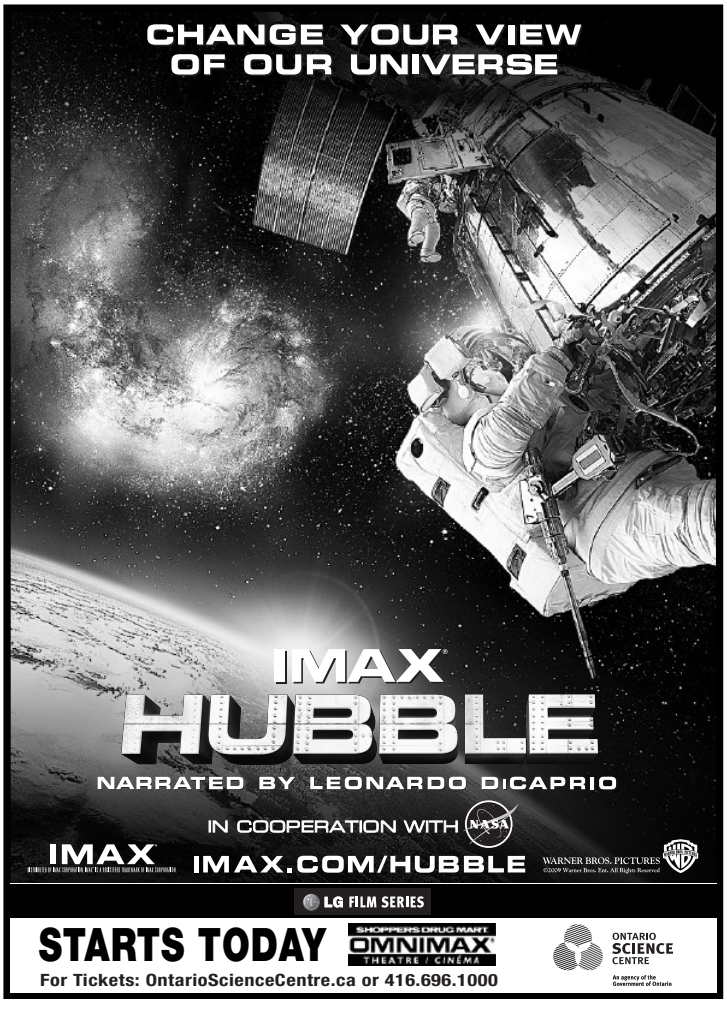
"I have this reputation for hiring very young actresses," he says, "and the day she arrived in Toronto I thought, 'My God, she's a child. We've made a mistake.' But we needed the separation in age between Julianne (Moore) and her. That was really very important."

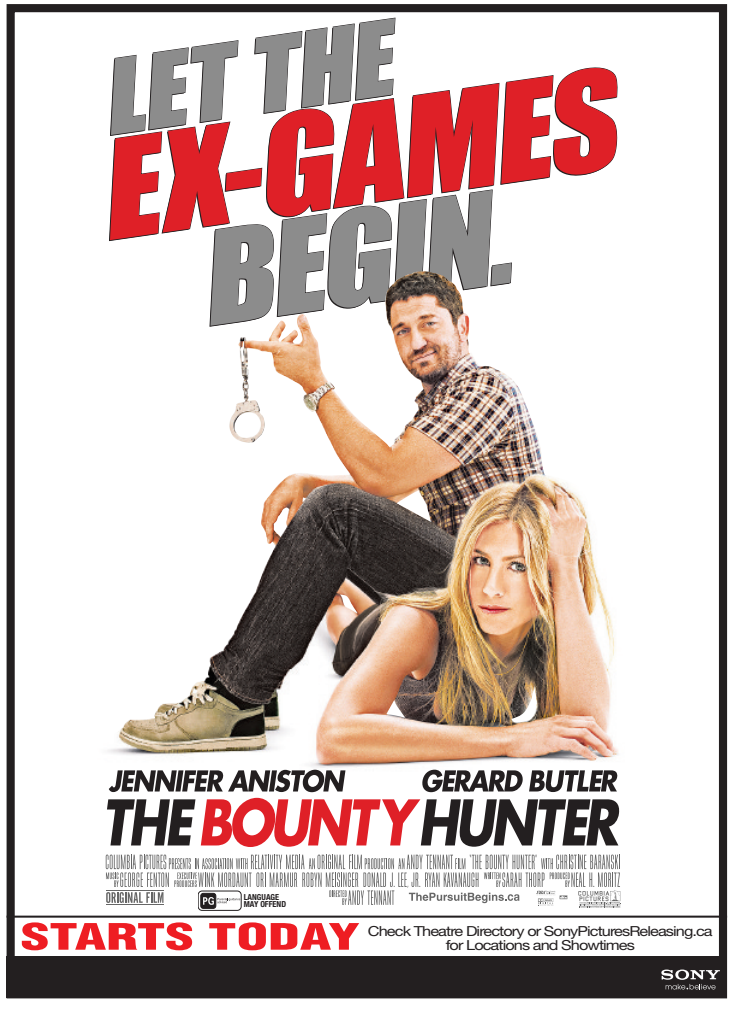
"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal."
Atom Egoyan on Amanda Seyfried

Any doubts were soon quashed when Seyfried went to work, however.

"She's a really good actress. She really grew into the role," he says.

"It's about a relationship you have with some actors. You feel like you are doing your job because you are able to ignite something they are capable of expressing. I don't mean to in anyway objectify, but it's like working with a beautiful instrument. That's what she has."





Andy Garcia stars and directs in City Island.

Garcia brings light touch to City Island

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Though primarily known as an actor, Andy Garcia has begun working behind the camera in recent years.

The star of such beloved movies as The Untouchables now takes a more active role in his productions, even making his directorial debut with The Lost City in 2005.

When speaking recently with Metro, Garcia admitted that this was always his primary goal, stating, "the reason why I got involved as a film actor was because I always had a romantic vision of being an independent filmmaker."

Aside from a few notable Hollywood roles such as Terry Benedict in Steven Soderbergh's Ocean's Eleven series, Garcia now spends most of his time working on independent productions, finding it to be an infinitely more stimulating environment.

"You have a lot more creative freedom," claims Garcia. "There are strict financial parameters, but the creative parameters are much more liberating. No one is looking over your shoulder and if you want to stand on your head and deliver your lines, then that's fine."

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Andy Garcia

City Island opens next Friday

Garcia's latest independent venture is the charming comedy City Island, which he worked on as a producer in addition to playing the lead role. Garcia stars as a prison guard and lifelong aspiring actor who heads up a dysfunctional family overflowing with secrets.

For Garcia, the film was a rare opportunity to explore his lighter side as an actor. "I love comedy and my first experiences on stage were always in comedy in a lot of the improvisational theatres around Los Angeles in the late '70s," reveals Garcia.

"Comedy was dormant for me for a long time because people saw me more as a darker character. I'm happy they did and enjoyed playing those roles, but it tends to typecast you a little bit."

City Island originally came to Garcia as an acting opportunity, but he was so impressed by the screenplay that he decided to become more intimately involved in bringing the project to the screen.

"The script made me laugh, made me cry, and charmed me completely," says Garcia.

"It pushed some buttons that made me realize that the movie was operating on a different level than just a human comedy."

Movie **morsels**

Alice In Wonderland

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

The Crazies

REVIEW The Crazies — director Breck Eisner's intense remake of George A. Romero's same named 1973 thriller — deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant (mining his iron jawed lawman character from HBO's Deadwood) as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie." **Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada**

Burton eyes Addams

Alice in Wonderland director Tim Burton has found a new 3-D project. He will direct a stop-motion animated film based on Charles Addams' original ghoulish cartoon drawings of The Addams Family. IMDB.COM

Repo! The Genetic Opera is among of the many films in the repossession genre.

Don't fear the Repo

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Nobody likes repo men. Repossession agents are dream killers who prey on people who fail to make payments or default on loans, but, sadly, in these times of economic hardship business is booming.

There are even repo recruitment websites — you don't need a formal education, they say, but a "certain level of detective skill" is considered a bonus.

But it's not just in the real world that recovery professionals are in a growth industry.

On screen repo representatives are also making a comeback. In this weekend's Repo Men Jude Law and Forest Whitaker play gents who specialize in reclaiming artificial organs from deadbeats who fall behind on the payments and doing the festival circuit is Repo Chick, the sister film to Alex Cox's much loved 1984 cult hit Repo Man.

"The life of a repo man is always intense," says Repo Man actor Tracey Walter. So is the movie. Roger Ebert described it as "…a little weirdo fun. It is the first movie I know about that combines (1) punk teenagers, (2) automobile repossessors, and (3) aliens from outer space."

A few years ago a group of Los Angeles Times writers deemed the strange story the eighth best film set in Los Angeles in the last 25 years and its odd mix of punk rock ethos and droll humor has also inspired several other artists.

Terry Pratchett's novel Reaper Man is named in tribute and a graphic novel called Waldo's Hawaiian Holiday is a semi-sequel to the film.

The official sequel, Repo Chick directed by Cox, is awaiting release. It sees the original premise expanded to include not only cars but "boats, houses, aeroplanes, small nations… children."

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Variety said its "wacky blend of leftist, anti-establishment politics, eye-searing colors, outre costumes and manic overacting… could be likened to what you would get if Michael Moore directed an episode of the Nick Jr. kiddie series Lazy Town."

And finally, a little more straightforward than Repo Man's dark social satire, or Paris Hilton's unhinged Repo! The Genetic Opera, is Repo Jake a dirty little b-movie about a hot rod driver (Dan Grizzly Adams Haggerty) who becomes a retrieval specialist in the hopes of living a quiet life. His plans go awry when he repossesses a vicious crime lord's car.

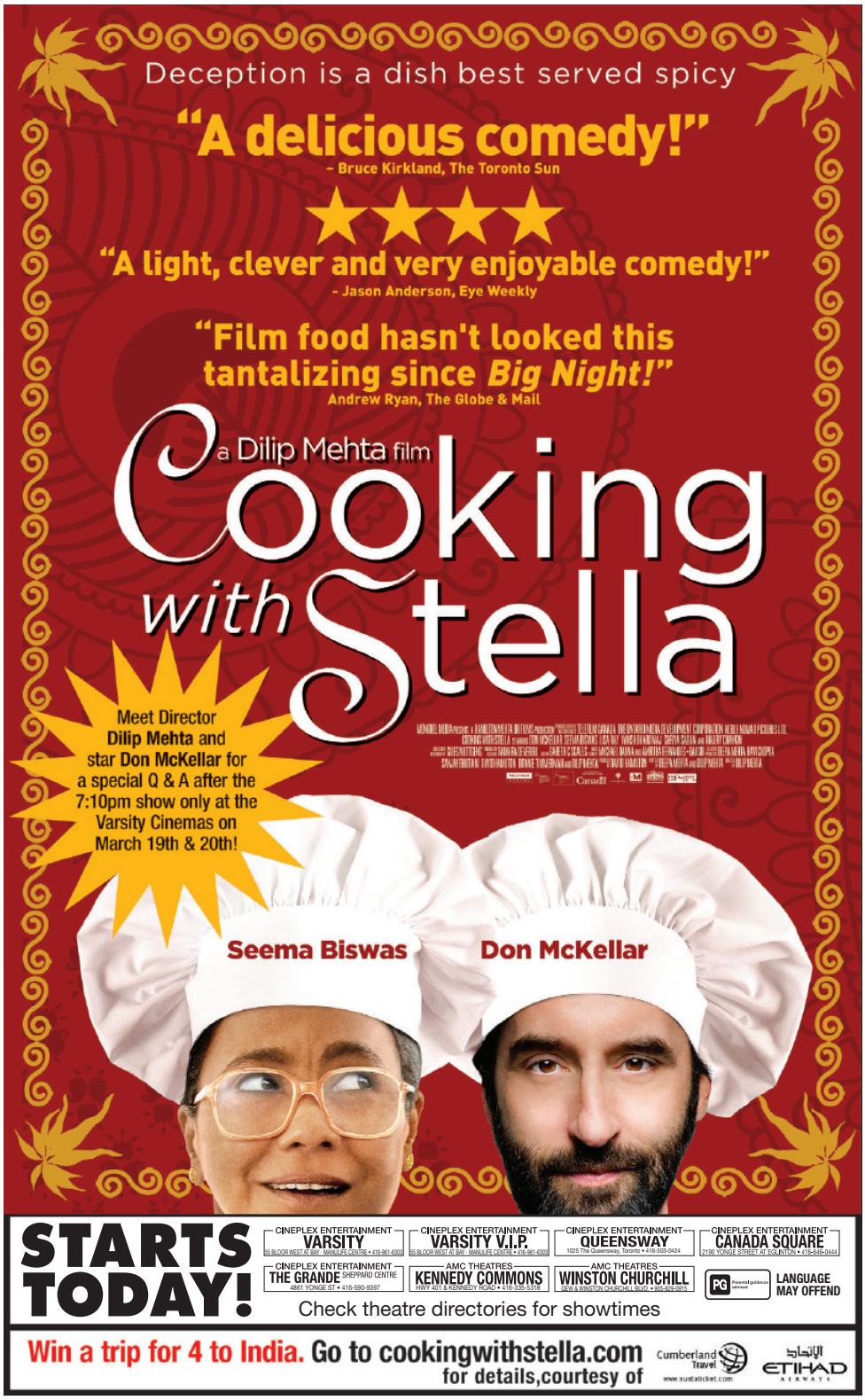
About the best thing that can be said about this stinker is that the DVD comes with "high fidelity sound."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

HollywoodRants

Steve Gow

Read the blog at metronews.ca/hollywoodrants



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This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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DOWNTOWN

BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

2001: A Space Odyssey (STC) Mon 9:15
High School Confidential (STC) Thu 9:30
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Sat-Sun 3 Tue 9
The Last Waltz (STC) Sun 8:45 Mon 4:15
Manhattan (STC) Wed 7 Thu 4:30
Network (STC) Tue 4:15 Wed 9
Pure Pwnage (PG) Sat 6:30
Repo! The Genetic Opera (18A) Fri 9:30
Soundtrack for a Revolution (STC) Fri 4 Sun 4:30 Mon-Tue 7
Special Fortress Free Screening (STC) Fri 7
Up in the Air (14A) Sun 6:30 Wed 4:30 Thu 7

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

The Messenger (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:45
A Prophet (18A) Fri-Tue 1-2-4:30-6:30-8-10:10 Wed 1-2-4:30-8-10:10 Thu 1-2-4:30-6:30-8-10:10
A Single Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:15-10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:10-9:20
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1-1:50-4-4:40-7-7:50-10-11 Sun-Thu 1-1:50-4-4:40-7-7:50-10-10:30
Alice in Wonderland An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10-11:45 Sun-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri 12-2-3:30-6-7:10-9:40-10:45 Sat 2-6-7:10-9:40-10:45 Sun-Tue 12-2-3:30-6-7:10-9:40 Wed 12-2-6-9:40 Thu 12-2-3:30-6-9:40
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:40-9:30 No Passes Fri 1:40-4:30-7:45-10:50 No Passes Sat 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sat 2:10-5-8-10:30 Sun-Thu 2:10-5-8-10:25
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-10:20
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:55-10:10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:20-9 Mon 12:50-9:55 Tue-Thu 12:50-3:35-6:20-9

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:50-9:15-11:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:20-11:45
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5-7-9-11
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:10-9:30-11:50
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:25 Thu 1
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:15-9:35

REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

The Blind Side (PG) Fri 7 Sun 4 Wed 6:45
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri 4 Sat 2
Frankenstein (PG) Thu 7
Glop (STC) Sat 10
The Hurt Locker (14A) Sun-Wed 9:15
The Lost Boys (STC) Thu 9
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 2 Sat 4 Sun 2
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 6:45 Mon 1-6:45 Tue 6:45

Robert Pattinson and Emilie de Ravin turn up the romantic heat in Remember Me.

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

A Call to Arms (STC) Sun 5
Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers (STC) Sun 3
Last Train Home (STC) Fri-Sat 7 Mon-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9:15
Rethink Afghanistan (STC) Sun 7:30
The Room (STC) Fri 11:45
The White Ribbon (14A) Fri-Sat 9 Mon-Tue 9

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 11:45-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sun-Thu 1-4-7-9:50
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 2-6:10-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:30-4:15-8
Cooking With Stella (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:10-9:50 Fri-Sat 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:25-6:15-8:55
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:20 Thu 12:50-3:50
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:50-10 Fri-Mon 12:55-3:55-7:05-9:55 Tue 12:55-3:55-9:55 Wed 12:55-3:55-7:05-9:55 Thu 12:55-3:55-9:55
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:05 Fri-Sat 12:45-3:25-6:15-8:55 Sun-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:35-9:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sat 12:3:20-6:30-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:15-3:20-6:30-9:30 Wed 12:15-3:20-9:30 Thu 12:15-3:20-6:30-9:30

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:05-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:50-9:50
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Cooking With Stella (STC) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:55
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:9:40
An Education (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Last Train Home (STC) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:30-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:45-9:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:20

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

The Last Station (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 7 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
A Single Man (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 4:30-9:30 Sun 7 Wed 7 Thu 9:15

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat 4-6:50-9:30 Sun 4:15-7 Tue-Wed 7 Thu 7-9:25
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7-7:45-9:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-2-4:10-4:45-7-7:20-9:40-10
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 No Passes Sat 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:45 No Passes Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:45-9:30
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri 11:40-2:4:40-7:10-9:40 No Passes Sat 11:40-2-4:40-7:10-9:40 No Passes Sun 11:40-2-4:40-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20-3:45-6:20-9
Green Zone (14A) Fri 1-4-7:20-10:10 Sat 12:40-3:45-7:30-10:20 Sun 1-4-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 1-3:40-6:40-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Sat 11:50-2:30-5:15-8-10:45 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50
The Runaways (14A) Fri 12:15-3:6:30-9:20 Sat 12-3:15-6:40-9:30 Sun 12:15-3:6:30-9:20 Mon-Tue 1:10-4-6:30-9:10 Wed 4-6:30-9:10 Thu 1:10-4-6:30-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat 4:50-7:20-10 Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:45 Wed 4:30-7:15-9:45 Thu 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 12-3:15-6:50-10 Sat 6:30-10:10 Sun 12-3:15-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:50-10

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

The Blind Side (PG) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:25-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:50-4:35-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:25-10:10
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri 1:40-3:40-4:40-6:35-7:35-9:45-10:30 Sat 12:40-1:40-3:40-4:40-6:35-7:35-9:45-10:30 Sun 10:45-12:40-1:40-3:40-4:40-6:35-7:35-9:45-10:30 Mon-Tue 1:40-3:40-4:40-6:35-7:35-9:45-10:30 Wed 1:40-3:40-4:40-7:35-10:30 Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:30
Cop Out (14A) Fri 2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:45-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:45-5:30-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:30-8:05-10:40
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 2:25-8
An Education (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:10-9:35
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 1:10-2:10-4:5-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:50 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:10-2:10-4:5-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:5-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:50
Green Zone (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:25-3:25-5:25-6:40-8:10-9:40-11 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:40-12:40-2:25-3:25-5:25-6:40-8:10-9:40-11 Special Engagement Mon 2:25-3:25-5:25-6:40-8:10-9:40-11 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:25-3:25-6:40-9:40-11 Special Engagement Fri 1:40-4:25-7:30-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:50-1:40-4:25-7:30-10:20 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:30-10:20
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 1:45-4:45-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:45-4:45-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:35-10:25
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri 2-3-4:40-5:40-7:15-8:15-9:55-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-12-2-3-4:40-5:40-7:15-8:15-9:55-10:45 Mon-Thu 2-3-4:40-5:40-7:15-8:15-9:55-10:45
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 2:30-5:15-8-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:30-5:15-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:15-8-10:40
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:20-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:35
A Prophet (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:10-4:20-7:35-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10-1:10-4:20-7:35-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:20-7:35-10:45
The Runaways (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:55-2:55-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-11 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:55-2:55-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-11 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:55-2:55-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-11
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri 12:35-1:35-2:35-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:8-9-10-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:11:45-12:35-1:35-2:35-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:8-9-10-10:45 Mon 1:35-2:35-3:15-4:15-5:15-7:8-10-10:45 Tue-Thu 1:35-2:35-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:8-9-10-10:45
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 5-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-5-10:45 Mon-Thu 5-10:45
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 4:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:35-4:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-10:15
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-7:45

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Fri-Sun 3:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:15-8:45
Jawani Zindabad (PG) Fri-Sun 6-9 Mon-Thu 8
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri-Sun 3-6:15 Mon-Thu 4:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7:7:45-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7:7:45-9:45-10:30
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2-6:25-10
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:35-10:40
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri 12:10-3:30-6:45-10:05 Sat 12:10-6:45-10:05 Sun-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:45-10:05
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Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 6:20-9:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 12:15-3:35-6:55-9:40 Sat 3:35-6:55-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:15-3:35-6:55-9:40
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 No Passes Mon-Tue 1-4:15-7:20-9:55 No Passes Wed 4:15-7:20-9:55 No Passes Thu 1-4:15-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
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The Runaways (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:30-7:30-10:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3-6:10-9:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:25-10:45

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:55-9:25
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:35
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She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:20

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:15-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-10
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
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She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Sun 2
Edge of Darkness (14A) Wed-Thu 9:30
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 4-9 Mon 9 Tue 7 Wed 1
The Last Station (14A) Fri-Mon 6:45
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 4
The White Ribbon (14A) Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 7

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 12:20-3:20-6:35 Sat 12:20-6:35 Sun 12:20-3:20-6:35 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:35
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-4:15-7:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-10

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SCREENPLAY BY ERIC GARCIA & GARRETT LERNER DIRECTED BY MIGUEL SAPOCHNIK A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
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BRUTAL VIOLENCE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, COARSE LANGUAGE

STARTS TODAY

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Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri 12:25-4-7-10:20 Sat 7-10:20 Sun 12:25-4-7-10:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-10:10
Cooking With Stella (STC) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:55-9:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:20-9:25 Sat 3:40-6:20-9:25 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:20-9:25
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:30
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:40-9:20
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 11:45-1:30-2:20-4:10-5:20-7:8-9:35-10:35-11:50 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-2:20-4:10-5:20-7:8-9:35-10:35-11:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-5:20-7:8-9:35-10:35-11:50
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Stadium Seating Fri 12:40-3-5:30
The Crazies (18A) Stadium Seating Fri 7:40-10:20 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2:30-5:30-7:50-10:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50-10:20
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 12-2-4:20
Green Zone (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:20-4-6:50-9:30-11:45 Stadium Seating Sun 1:20-4-6:50-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:30
Last Train Home (STC) Fri 7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
Our Family Wedding (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2:10-5:7:30-10:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10:10
Planet 51 (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 12:20-2:50-5:10
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45-11:55 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:45
She's Out of My League (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50-11:59 Stadium Seating Sun 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 11:30-2:10-5:10 Fri 11:59
Valentine's Day (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 6:40-9:20 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:05-3:40-6:40-9:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:20

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-1-2:15-4-5-7-7:45-9:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:30-1-3:30-4-6:30-7-9:20-9:50
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:15-10 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:15-8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:40
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:05
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:40
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:10 Wed 12:30-3:40-10:10 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:10

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-1-2:20-4:15-5-7:45-9:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-1:45-4:15-5-7:45-9:50-10:30
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2-6:30-10:10
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-6:50-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:50-10
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:30-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:30-9:55
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:10-10:20
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:40
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:3:15-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:30

Canadian actor Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve star in She's Out of My League.

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:15
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2-6-9:30
The Crazies (18A) Fri 1-4-7:10:15 Sat 7:10:15 Sun-Thu 1-4-7:10:15
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Miss You Like Crazy (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:05
Vinnaithandi Varuvaay (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-6:10-10

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:50
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-12:50-2:20-3:40-5-6:30-7:40-9:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-5-6:30-7:40-9:10-10:30
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:10-9
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 6:20-9:55
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:10-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:35-9:15
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:25-6:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:45-10:05
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:50-10:40
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:25-9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20 Mon-Thu 3:20
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-8:10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-8:10:45
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-4-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:40
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:20
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:55-7:20-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:20-10:35
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:30

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785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-5-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:50
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Thu 9:55
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-4:45-7:20-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-6:10-8:45
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-10
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:35-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20 Mon-Thu 4
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:25-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 3:35-6-9
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-7:30-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-7:30-10:05
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:35-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35-10:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:20

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 1:30-4-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-4-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 4-6:30-9
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri 12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:45-12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:15-2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:7:45-9:30-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-12:15-2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:7:45-9:30-10:20 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:7:45-9:30-10:20
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:10
Cooking With Stella (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:10-3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-1:10-3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15
An Education (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:05-7:35-9:55
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:15
The Last Station (14A) Fri 2:05-4:35-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:35-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:10-9:55
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:55-6:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:55-6:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:55-6:20-9:45
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10
Remember Me (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:10-1:45-2:45-4:20-5:20-6:55-7:55-9:35-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-12:10-1:45-2:45-4:20-5:20-6:55-7:55-9:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:45-4:20-5:20-6:55-7:55-9:35-10:25
Repo Men (18A) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:55-10:05 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-10:05

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Fri-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:30
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:30

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-5:30 Mon-Thu 1
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 7-8:45 Mon-Thu 2:40-4:20-6-7:35
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Sun 7 Mon-Thu 1-5:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:15
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri-Sun 7:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-7:30
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30-5:15 Mon-Thu 5:25
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2-3:50-5:30 Mon-Thu 1-4:35
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 12-7:15-9:15 Mon-Thu 2:40-6:15-8:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-5 Mon-Thu 1:05
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-7:10

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Wed 4:15-7-9:50 Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-12:30-2:15-3:10-5-6-7:45-8:45-10:30 Mon-Tue 12:30-2:15-3:10-5-6-7:45-8:45-10:30 Wed 12:30-2:15-5-6-7:45-8:45-10:30 Thu 12:30-2:15-3:10-5-7:45-10-10:30
Alice in Wonderland An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sat 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10-11:45 Sun 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Wed 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45-2:30-6:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:20-10:10
The Crazies (18A) Fri 2-4:40-7:40-10:40 Sat 4:40-7:40-10:40 Sun-Thu 2-4:40-7:40-10:25
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:20-4:30-7:15-10:20 Sat 1:20-7:15-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:15-10:20
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4-7:30-10:50 Sun-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:45
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Sat 11:15-1:50-4:45-7:50-11 Sun 11:15-1:50-4:45-7:50-10:35 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:45-7:50-10:35 Wed 4:45-7:50-10:35 Thu 1:50-4:45-7:50-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sat 11-1:40-4:50-8-11:10 Sun 11-1:40-4:50-8-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:50-8-10:45
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:40-10
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40

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110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 10:05-10:35-1:05-1:35-3:50-4:20-7:15-7:45-10:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:05-1:35-3:50-4:20-7:15-7:45-10:15-10:45
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:15-1:10-4-7:40-10:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:10-4-7:40-10:35
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7-10:20
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 10:55-1:40-4:25-7:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:55-10:50
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-1:30-4:20-7:45-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:45
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 10-1-4:05-7:25-10:40 Mon-Thu 1-4:05-7:25-10:40
Green Zone (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:10-12:50-1:20-3:40-4:10-7:05-7:35-10:30-11 Mon-Thu 12:50-1:20-3:40-4:10-7:05-7:35-10:30-11
Our Family Wedding (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:55-1:50-4:35-7:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:55-10:50
Remember Me (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:40-3:35-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:35-7:10-10:05
Repo Men (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:25-1:25-4:15-7:20-10:25 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:20-10:25
The Runaways (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11-1:45-4:30-7:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:30
She's Out of My League (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:20-10:50-12:55-1:40-3:55-4:25-7:15-8-10:15-10:55 Mon-Thu 12:55-1:40-3:55-4:25-7:15-8-10:15-10:55
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7-10:20

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20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-5-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-10:10
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:50
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:05-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20 Mon-Thu 4:15
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:25-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:20-9:10
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:30-10:20
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:20-9:55
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:40

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50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:30-9:30
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:15
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:40
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-7:10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:45
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:55-7:30-10:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 7:50-11 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 9:05
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:25
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:15-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:05
Jawani Zindabad (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-6:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:50
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:15-9
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:10-6:10 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-9:10
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:35-7:30-10:10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:9:40
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:15-6:35-

9:55 Mon-Thu 4:50-8:55
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50 Mon-Thu 4:40

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3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50 Mon-Thu 3:50
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:30-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:30-10:15
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:4-20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50-10:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:6:45-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:50

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:15-2:45-5:15
Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:40
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 7:10-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Cop Out (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-10
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:30-9
Edge of Darkness (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 7:20-10:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05
The Ghost Writer (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
My Name Is Khan (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:15
Planet 51 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:45-3:15
Remember Me (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30
Repo Men (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:30-3:30

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5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sat 9:40 Sun 8 Tue 8 Thu 8
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sat 10:05 Sun 8:10 Tue 8:10 Thu 8:10
Legion (14A) Fri-Sat 7:50 Sun 10 Tue 10 Thu 10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sat 10:30 Sun 7:50 Tue 7:50 Thu 7:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sat 8 Sun 9:45 Tue 9:45 Thu 9:45
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sat 8:10 Sun 10:15 Tue 10:15 Thu 10:15

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:20-5:7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:20
Avatar (PG) Fri-Sun 2:50-6:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4-7-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:20-9 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:50
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:50
Alice in Wonderland An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sat 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10-11:45 Sun 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Wed 3:50-6:30-9:10
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-3:15-6:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 4-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 10:40-12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:45
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:40-10:45
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:15-1:50-4:40-7:15-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:45
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-6:55-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-10
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:40
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:20
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:30-6:10-8:50 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:15-8:50
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:25-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 2-5-8-11 Mon-Thu 5-8-10:40

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 12:30-3:20-7:9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:30
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 11:50-2:40-5:20
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 11
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 1-4-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 6:40-9
Cop Out (14A) Fri 7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:20-9:15
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 9:30 Mon-Thu 8:10
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri 12:50-3:30-6:20-9 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri 11:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 12:10-3-6:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 5:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 11:15
Remember Me (14A) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Repo Men (18A) Fri 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 3:10-6:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri 12:20

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:20-5-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:20
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:40
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-7-10:20 Mon-Thu 7-10:05

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

2012 (14A) Fri 3-6:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:25
3 Idiots (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-5:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 2:10-4:30-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri 1:25-2:25-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-9:55 Sat-Sun 11-12-1:25-2:25-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-5-6:30-7:30-9-9:55
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:15-9 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:15-9
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 4:40-7:25-10
An Education (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:10-9:50
Frozen (STC) Fri 1-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:55-1-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40-9:55
Green Zone (14A) Fri 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:15-6:30-7:15-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:45-12:30-1:30-3:30-4:15-6:30-7:15-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:15-6:30-7:15-9:30-10:15
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 3:15-6:25-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:55-3:15-6:25-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:25-9:30
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:40
Invictus (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:35-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:35
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:10-9:25
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:30-6-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:30-6-9:20 Mon-Thu 6-9:20
Nine (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:55
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri 3-5:30-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-5:30-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:45-10:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:20-9:35
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:25-9:05
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 1:45-4:10-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:10-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:10
The Runaways (14A) Fri 1:45-2:30-4:15-5-6:45-7:30-9:15-10 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:05-1:45-2:30-4:15-5-6:45-7:30-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-5-6:45-7:30-9:15-10
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 1:30-3:45-6-8:30 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:30-3:45-6-8:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6-8:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri 2:40-4:50-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:40-4:50-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7-9:15
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 1:05-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:05-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:15
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:05-9:35 Mon 4:15-7:05-9:35 Tue-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:05-9:35 Mon 1
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:20-9:15
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:55-9:30
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:25
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:10-9:20

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:45
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:15 Wed-Thu 5-7:45-10:15
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:55
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon 3:40-7:30-10:10 No Passes Tue 3:40-7:30-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-7:30-10:10
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 1:10-4:20-7:10-10 Sat 11:50-7:10-10 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri 11:40-2:20-4:55-7:35-10 No Passes Sat 11:40-2:20-5:20-7:35-10 No Passes Sun 11:40-2:20-4:55-7:35-10 No Passes Mon 4:40-7:05-9:30 No Passes Tue 5:20-7:35-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45-4:30-7:55-10:35 Sun 12:45-4:30-7:40-10:35 Mon 4:30-7:25-10:05 Tue 4:30-7:40-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-6:20 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:35
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-7:20-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-7:20-10:10
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:35
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-5:10-8:10-45 Mon 4-7:15-10:05 Tue 5:10-8:10-45 Wed-Thu 4-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 11:50-3-6:30-10:15 Sat 3-6:30-10:15 Sun 11:50-3-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:30-10:15

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:25-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-5-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:50-9:40
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri 12-3:15-6:30-9:40 Sat 6:30-9:40 Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:35
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 6:25-9:10
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:40-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:55
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:10-10:20
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:6:15-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Our Family Wedding (PG) Fri-Sun 3:25-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:50-6-8:50 Mon-Thu 3:15-6-9
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:35 No Passes Sat 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:35 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:30
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:45-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:30
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:35-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-10:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:20

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GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-12:45-2:20-3:40-5-6:45-7:40-9:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 6:45-7:40-9:30-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:05-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:05-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 4-7-10:05 Mon-Thu 7-10:05
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:30
Avatar (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 7-10
Cop Out (14A) Fri 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:05
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:10-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 12:45-3:50 Sat 12:45 Sun 12:45-3:50
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:45-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:40-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:40-10:25
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-10:10

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:20 Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 7-10
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Bounty Hunter (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:15-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9:55 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Diary of A Wimpy Kid (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:35-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Simon Boccanegra Encore (STC) Sat 1 Sat 1
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
Repo Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:20-7:10-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10:05
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
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Top albums on the Billboard 200
1 Battle Of The Sexes, Ludacris; 2. Plastic Beach, Gorillaz; 3. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 4. Valleys Of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix; 5. Get Off On The Pain, Gary Allan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Singer and guitarist Alex Chilton dies

PEOPLE Singer and guitarist Alex Chilton, known for his influential work with bands the Box Tops and Big Star, died Wednesday. He was 59.

Chilton

Chilton died at a hospital in New Orleans after experiencing what appeared to be heart problems, said his long time friend John Fry.

Chilton was the gravel-voiced teenage singer for the pop-soul outfit the Box Tops, whose 1967 hit The Letter opened with the line "Gimme a ticket for an aeroplane . . ." Their other hits were Soul Deep and Cry Like a Baby. Chilton grew up in Memphis, Tenn., and formed the band with friends from school.

"Alex was an amazingly talented person, not just as a musician and vocalist and a songwriter, but he was intelligent and well read and interested in a wide number of music genres," said Fry, owner of Ardent Studios.

Chilton's short run with Big Star brought less mainstream success but made him a cult hero to other rock musicians, as evidenced by the title of the 1987 Replacements song, Alex Chilton. Big Star's three 1970s albums all earned spots on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500 greatest.

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Concert Picks

Cuff the Duke plays Lee Palace Saturday with Huron & Julie Fader.

The Irish Descendants
The Horseshoe Tavern
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Saturday, 11 p.m., $20

• Didn't get your Irish on enough this week? Head to the Shoe for some hair of the dog that bit you with these Celtic folksters from the Rock as they make the Toronto stop on their 20 Years and Counting tour. Though the lineup has changed over the years, expect the fiddling, tin whistling and bodhran pounding to get your toes tapping.

Cuff The Duke
Lee's Palace
(529 Bloor St. W.)
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. $15

• Wayne Petti and company will take their 'Schwa-based alt-country folk act to Lee's to tour latest album, Way Down Here, co-produced by Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor. And with a recent Juno nomination for the release, the band ought to be eager to prove exactly why they've transcended from being indie cult faves to Canadian icon status.

A '90s rock revival

Canadian rockers team up to form Crash Karma

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

The '90s weren't exactly the golden age of Canadian rock.

A few bands, however, did make an impact. Among them were I Mother Earth, The Tea Party, and Our Lady Peace.

So when former members of those three bands get together to create a new one it's probably worth having a listen.

That's exactly what rock radio programmers did late last year when a new song, Awake, landed unexpectedly on their doorsteps.

Awake was by an unsigned band called Crash Karma, but it sounded familiar — a bit like all three of those previously mentioned bands, as a matter of fact.

Which makes sense since Crash Karma is comprised of Edwin, former singer for I Mother Earth, Mike Turner, former guitarist for Our Lady Peace and Jeff Burrows, former drummer of The Tea Party. The bass and much of the songwriting duties are supplied by Amir Epstein, a former member of the lesser known Toronto band Zygote.

Familiarity bred popularity and Awake quickly achieved Top 10 status on Canadian rock charts.

When Awake first hit the airwaves, the four members of Crash Karma had been handling things pretty much on their own. They had entered Turner's Toronto recording studio with some song ideas from Epstein and worked them into an album's worth of music. They hired a guy to shop Awake around the radio stations, but still didn't have a manager let alone a recording contract.

Crash Karma consists of '90s rock veterans Edwin (I Mother Earth), Mike Turner (Our Lady Peace), Jeff Burrows (The Tea Party), and Amir Epstein (Zygote). The band's self-titled debut is now out.

Former Canadian Idol judge Jake Gold offered the band his managerial expertise after hearing the track. Record labels soon followed.

Earlier this week, Crash Karma released its debut full-length on the E1 label and is getting ready to head out on a cross-Canada tour intended to hone the band's live act in outlying clubs before taking on major centres like Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

"Sometimes in life you just put things in motion and they have a charmed way of working out themselves," Edwin says.

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Edwin

The story of the band's formation is just as happenstance. Edwin was working as a celebrity bartender at the Tattoo Rock Parlour in downtown Toronto when he got a call from Epstein, asking if he was interested in co-writing some songs.

At that first meeting, Epstein started talking about getting together with Burrows and Turner, with whom he had done some studio work. Epstein suggested — perhaps, a bit deceptively — that Turner and Burrows were already on side. He then went to Turner and Burrows, suggesting Edwin was already on side.

"It wasn't really deception," Erwin says. "He was just hoping that he could make it happen . It was his confidence that pulled it off."

In Concert

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The T.A.M.I. Show: Collector's Edition DVD

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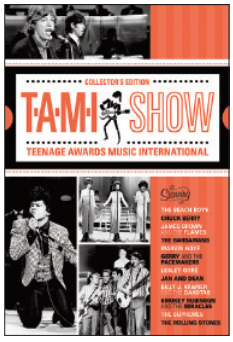
Performers: The Rolling Stones, James Brown, The Supremes
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕



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MICK JAGGER LATER admitted it was one of the worst career decisions he ever made — allowing the Rolling Stones to go on stage after James Brown to close the T.A.M.I. Show in 1964.

The Stones were still just a bunch of middle class kids from England, performing covers of the R&B greats. They were no match for the Godfather of Soul. At the time, nobody was. He was the real thing. The Stones got owned.

Brown's performance at the Teenage Awards Music International (TAMI) concert at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium that day was one of the greatest of his life. Those amazing dance moves would late inspire Michael Jackson, Prince and, yes, even Jagger.

Luckily Brown's performance was caught on film along with those of the Stones, the Beach Boys, Chuck Berry, The Supremes, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, Lesley Gore, Jan and Dean, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas and the Barbarians. Each act was backed by Phil Spector's famed studio band The Wrecking Crew, featuring future stars Glen Campbell and Leon Russell.

Over the years, the TAMI Show film has become sort of a lost treasure of rock 'n' roll history. On Tuesday, however, the complete concert will be available in stores on DVD for the first time, lovingly restored to high definition sound and video and accompanied by a 20 pages of liner notes.

Although some of the shtick may seem a tad dated (hosts Jan and Dean skateboard out onto the stage), this is a film document that belongs beside Woodstock, Gimme Shelter, The Last Waltz, Festival Express and A Hard Day's Night as a must have DVD.

Slash and burn

Guitarist recuits impressive list of guest vocalists for solo album

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Something feels weird when I walk into Slash's hotel suite, and it takes me a few minutes to realize what it is. It's ... immaculate.

No empty bottles of JD, piles of drug paraphernalia, dusty mirrors or half-naked groupies passed out in the corner. There isn't even any cigarette smoke. Instead, there's a very buff Slash, replete in his trademark leather top hat and sunglasses, sampling from a tray of fresh fruit and mineral water. It's 11:30 a.m. — early by rock star standards — but he's already been to the gym.

"How you doin', bro?" he asks with a firm handshake and flawless smile. "Please. Have a seat." He takes a spot on a sofa and leans forward, obviously eager to talk about what he's been up to.

I look around the room again. "So it's true. You HAVE quit smoking. No drugs, no drinking and now no smoking? It wasn't the Chilean earthquake that knocked the earth off its axis. I think it's you. You have meddled with the primal forces of rock 'n' roll, Mr. Slash."

Slash's solo debut includes guest vocals from Iggy Pop, Kid Rock and Fergie.

He smiles sort of sheepishly. "Yeah, it's been 10 month since I've had a cigarette, which is the same amount of time that I quit during Velvet Revolver. So far, it's been good, although something could happen any second."

On April 6, Slash will release his first solo album, a self-titled project featuring an impressive array of guests vocalist that include the usual suspects (Ozzy, Iggy, Lemmy), some unusual choices (Kid Rock, Adam Levine from Maroon 5, Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas) and even a couple of old Gunners (Izzy, Duff). And, of course, Dave Grohl shows up on drums on one song.

"I wrote the music with specific voices in mind. When the music was done, I contacted the people I though should sing the songs. They wrote the lyrics and the vocal melodies and then we recorded."

He's quick to sing the praises of people like Fergie and Levine. "She's a rock chick at heart and she's better than a lot of dudes out there. Adam came in and did this great falsetto performance in one take. He's amazing."

Slash already has a band together (featuring a couple of Canadians players) and a tour is set to start next month. He's pumped about it.

So no GnR reunion, ever?

"Why?" he says. "What would be the point?"

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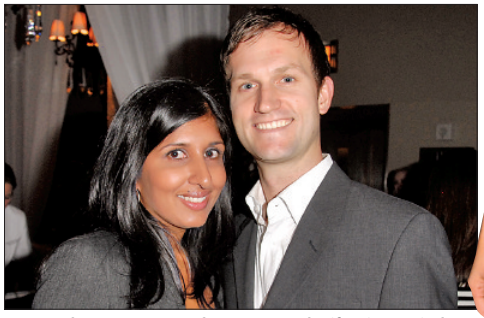

Event volunteers Nate Habermeyer and wife Gita Ravindran.

WOMEN IN Capital Markets celebrated its 15th anniversary in mentoring women in business with its annual Vinifera gala at The Carlu. The 10th anniversary fundraising soirée treated the mainly high-heeled guests to specially-prepared appetizers by top female chefs and world-class wines and spirits. The corporate/ cocktail style affair capped off with a one-of-a-kind auction event.

LEFT: Event planner Lina Dhingra.

Vinifera co-chairs Alicia Mair, left, and Cheryl Strong.

Head of marketing at BMO Nesbitt Burns and WCM chair Caroline Dabu.

WCM CEO Martha Fell, left, and marketing consultant and WCM volunteer Penny Reid.

Rate Roulette

Are You Gambling With Your Car Insurance Rate?

What is Rate Roulette?

Roulette is a popular casino game in which players gamble on where a ball will land on a spinning wheel marked with a range of numbers. As long as you play within your limit, the game can be fun, even though the odds are stacked against you picking the winning number. Rate Roulette is a game played by drivers who gamble they will find the lowest rate on their car insurance by sticking with a single insurance company. The difference? Most drivers don't even realize they are playing and gambling with their car insurance rate in the first place, mistakenly figuring they've already picked the lowest rate with their current insurer.

What Are My Chances Of Finding The Lowest Rate?

The odds against you picking the winning number on a single spin of the Roulette wheel are 37 to 1. Sadly, the odds against a driver picking the insurance company with the lowest insurance rate for their profile aren't much better. Why? Because there are over 30 insurance companies to choose from and the rates each of them charge to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Take a look at the table below.

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Television

Actors take to the studio in a new season

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

James Lipton is legendary for the in-depth research he puts into every interview on Inside The Actors Studio.

But to hear him tell it, the secret to the TV show's success is the stuff he can't prepare for.

"We don't do pre-interviews with our guests. So when we meet on stage, it's for the first time. It's like a high wire act without a net," says Lipton, who begins his 16th season of hosting the Bravo series Sunday.

"The interviews are like self-portraits. The questions are meant to provoke an honest response. So I decided early on there would be no pre-interview. It forces us into a conversation."

Inside The Actors Studio returns for its 16th season on Bravo! on Sunday.

Still, as conversations go, Inside The Actors Studio can be pretty intense. Lipton claims he works two weeks, 14 hour days, in compiling that notorious stack of 400 question cards he uses during each and every interview.

"I sleep only a few hours a night, so that helps," says Lipton, who conducts the interviews in front of students from the Actors Studio Drama School in New York.

"But I edit the show as well. You only see a portion of the interview. Sometimes they go four hours and I have to personally shut it down. Otherwise, they'd go all night.

"The record was Barbra Streisand. She went to two-thirty in the morning."

This season's interviews are an eclectic mix that kicks off with director James Cameron (Avatar).

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After that, those subjecting themselves to Lipton's scrutiny include everyone from the band Bon Jovi, to writer/director Judd Apatow (Superbad), to the voice cast of TV's Family Guy.

Lipton — whose age is listed in various sources as a surprising 83 — prefers to keep his birthday a mystery.

"This business is very ageist," says Lipton, whose six-plus decade resume includes stints as a poet, novelist, Broadway lyricist, soap opera writer, and actor.

"In my early acting days, I used to add years to my age so I'd be considered for leading man parts. Perhaps it's coming back to haunt me."

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James Lipton hosts a new season of Inside The Actors Studio.

In the spotlight
Guest line up

- James Cameron (Sunday)
- Kate Hudson (Sunday, March 28)
- The cast Family Guy (April 4)
- Amy Poehler (April 11)
- Judd Apatow (April 18)

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2 green onions, thinly sliced
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12 won ton wrappers
Make it
HEAT oven to 350°F.
MIX first 4 ingredients.
LINE each of 12 muffin cups sprayed with cooking spray with 1 won ton wrapper, allowing edges of wrappers to extend over tops.
FILL with crab mixture.
BAKE 18 to 20 min. or until edges are golden brown and filling is heated through. Serve warm.
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Battle of the Blades hits Sweden

The stage is set for retired Toronto Maple Leafs star Mats Sundin to join Battle of the Blades. Now it's just a matter of convincing the longtime NHLer to take part.

The show's executive producer John Brunton says the massively popular CBC-TV series, which begins shooting a second season in Toronto this summer, is bound for Sweden after inking its first deal to bring the Canadian format overseas.

"There's tons of great superstar hockey players in Sweden, even going back to our Maple Leaf Borje Salming," Brunton says of possible Swede contestants.

"Would we love to get Mats Sundin involved in our project in Sweden in some capacity, whether it's as a judge, or a skater, or in some way, shape or form? That would be a home run for us."

But it's early going yet. Brunton says the deal with Swedish distributor Sparks Network was finalized last week, and prospects for a Swedish Battle have yet to be determined.

Mats Sundin

However, he says the Swedish format would follow Canada's lead from last year, when former NHLers including Tie Domi, Claude Lemieux and Bob Probert were turned into unlikely sequined sensations by pairing them with champion ice dancers in weekly competitions.

Former Edmonton Oiler Craig Simpson and figure skater Jamie Sale won the inaugural competition, which featured Hockey Night In Canada's Ron MacLean and former skating champ Kurt Browning as hosts.

Swedish defenceman Alex Edler predicted the show could have legs in hockey-crazy Sweden.

"I think they'll (Swedish TV audiences) enjoy it if they get some good hockey players on there," Edler said during a Vancouver Canucks practice.

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FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/19/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	The Art of Spain		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "Sweet Sorrow"		A. Gregg	Film 101 (N)	Agenda
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Jade"		Shark Tank		NUMB3RS		News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two Men	The Office	Omni News: Italian Edition		Vivere V	Omni News:	Law & Order: Intent		Look I Cook
	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Who Do You		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Mercy (HDTV)		News
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Medium (N)		Law & Order		The Bridge (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Crocodile Dundee* ★★★ (1986, Comedy) Paul Hogan.				*Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles* ★ (2001, Comedy)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	College Basketball NCAA Tournament -- Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Duke.					College Basketball: NCAA Tournament			
	-	385	17	NBC	Entertainment	The Insider	Who Do You		Dateline NBC (N)				News
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Figure Skating Thin Ice.		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	America's Next Top Model			Look-A-Like	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	House "Remorse"		Kitchen Nightmares		Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	NewsHour	Summer Wine	Daryl Hall & John Oates: Live			Rounder Records 40th Anniversary			Washington
news	500	500	33	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net	OHL Hockey Teams TBA. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Hockey
	400	400	30	TSN	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Toronto Raptors.					NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Edmonton Oilers.			
family	551	542	25	YTV	iCarly "iQuit iCarly"		iCarly		Things I Hate	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
	554	544	45	TEL	Star Wars	Star Wars	Star Wars	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*Ghostbusters* ★★★ (1984, Comedy)		
	556	540	51	FAM	Han. Montana	*Starstruck* (2010, Drama)			Wingin' It (N)	*Stuck in the Suburbs* (2004)			*Richie Rich*
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	Jim	Jim	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Greatest
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Beyond Loch Ness* (2008, Suspense) Brian Krause.				Pure Pwnage	Kenny vs.	Trailer Park
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		Seinfeld	Name Is Earl	*Payback*
	581	566	52	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	The Real World		16 and Pregnant		1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Wild Chef	Chef Abroad	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301	M1	*Son of Ram*		*The Phantom* (2009, Action)		*Angels & Demons* ★★ (2009, Suspense) Tom Hanks.				

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/20/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Titanic's Nuclear Secret		*The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner* (1962)				(10:15) *The Magdalene Sisters* (DVS)		
	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	*Ice Blues* (2008, Mystery) Chad Allen.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Yak Bulo	Russian Waves		Suck It Up Princess		Hockey
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Canucks		
	214	344	7	CITY	cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*The Saddest Music in the World* (2003) (DVS)				Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	W5 (DVS)		Flashpoint (DVS)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Clueless* ★★★ (1995, Comedy) Alicia Silverstone.				*Pretty in Pink* ★★★ (1986, Romance-Comedy)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	College Basketball		College Basketball				48 Hours Mystery (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Paid Program	The Insider	Parenthood (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist.				Castle (HDTV)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		FlashForward Mark must meet with a therapist.				Stargate Atlantis		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Kitchen	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
	-	388	61	PBS	(6) *A Queen Is Crowned*		Celtic Thunder: It's Entertainment			When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish			Celtic Tenors
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	405	417	22	net	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				UFC Countdown		Pokerstars		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	ATP Tennis BNP Paribas Open: Men's Semifinals.				Curling 2010 World Women's Championship: Canada vs. Sweden. (Live)				
family	551	542	25	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45	TEL	*Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith* ★★★ (2005, Science Fiction)						Chicken	Futurama	King of Hill
	556	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Superman II* ★★★ (1980, Science Fiction)				*Batman*
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		Unstable	Unstable	CMT Star	CMT Star	Lady	Reid	The Show
	616	521	39	SHO	Slings and Arrows		*Nightmare at the End of the Hall* (2008, Drama)				*Aliens vs. Predator: Requiem* (2007)		
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House/Payne	*The Guardian* ★★ (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher.					*The Alamo* (2004, War)	
	581	566	52	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Sex News
	603	561	56	FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Gourmets	Gourmets	Chopped		Kitchen Nightmares		Hell's Kitchen
	300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *Monsters vs. Aliens* (2009, Adventure)				*Assassination of a High School President*			(10:45) *Love N' Dancing*	

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/21/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy		A World Without Water		*Mo* (2010, Docudrama) Julie Walters.			The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	King of Hill	Cleveland	Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	The Power of Architecture		Minute to Win It (N)		Midnight Ballads		Metropia	Metropia	Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*Facing Ali* (2009, Documentary) George Chuvalo.				CBC News: The National		Doc Zone
	214	344	7	CITY	Better Off	Better Off	Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Survivorman (DVS)		Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	Human Target (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Desperate Housewives (N)		Paralympics		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Top Gun* ★★★ (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise.				*Mission: Impossible* ★★ (1996, Action) Tom Cruise.				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		Minute to Win It (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News
	-	386	18	ABC	Figure Skating Thin Ice.		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		Jamie Oliver's Food		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	TMZ (N)		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Undercover Boss (N)		Law & Order		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	'Til Death	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Tucson	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61	PBS	Andre Rieu Live in Dresden: Wedding at the Opera				Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s				Pat Boone
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
sports	405	417	22	net	Snowboarding		The Rookies	UFC	UFC Live: Vera vs. Jones (HDTV) (Live)				Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	Boxing Deandre Latimore vs. Sechew Powell. (HDTV)				Curling 2010 World Women's Championship: Canada vs. Norway. (Live)				
family	551	542	25	YTV	(6) *Ice Age* (2002)		To Be Indie	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45	TEL	Totally Spies "Totally Busted!"			6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
	556	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Oh, God!* ★★★ (1977, Comedy)			(10:38) *Practical Magic*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	G. Simmons	Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons Family Jewels		Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	G. Simmons
	575	583	38	CMT	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Funniest Home Videos		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Meet-Wilsons	Wilsons	Star Crossed
	616	521	39	SHO	Cra$h & Burn (HDTV)		*Premonition* (2004, Suspense) Casper Van Dien.				Damages (HDTV) (N)		Cra$h & Burn
	294	529	47	TBS	*What Lies Beneath* ★★ (2000, Suspense) Harrison Ford.						(9:45) *What Lies Beneath* ★★ (2000, Suspense)		
	581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Challenge		Eat to Save		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
	300	601	301	M1	*Slap Shot 3*		*Mr. Troop Mom* (2009, Comedy)		*Mamma Mia!* ★★ (2008, Musical Comedy)				*Pontypool*

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Glee's Mays to star in Smurfs

Glee's Jayma Mays will pair with Neil Patrick Harris in Sony's planned feature Smurfs. Mays, who plays Emma Pillsbury on the Fox series, will star opposite Harris as his pregnant wife in the movie that blends live action and animation. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

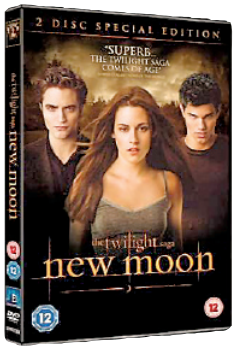
1 Kat Von D for Sephora eye colour palette

BEAUTY Created by Kat Von D, tattoo artist, reality-TV star, and owner of High Voltage Tattoo, this electric eye colour collection exemplifies the L.A. vibe. Kat is a genius with the gun but she's also a master of makeup. Grab this palette at Sephora and unleash your inner artist.

2 Justin Bieber

ARTIST The Canadian teen singer is all the rage. He is officially the most tweeted topic in social media circles. And Bieber-mania may reach new heights once his new album My World 2.0 releases next week. Consider yourself warned.

3 The Twilight Saga: New Moon



DVD Nothing says puppy love more than bared fangs. In Twilight's second coming, Forks, Wash. teen Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) finds herself caught in a love triangle with vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). If the film is not enough, two-disc DVD edition gives you plenty of behind-the-scenes fodder to swoon over.

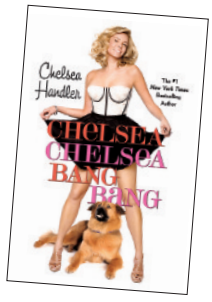
4 Jessica Simpson's The Price of Beauty

TV The singer and former Newleyweds reality-TV star made her return to the small screen with her new series. This time Simpson travels the globe with two friends to examine people's efforts to measure up to their society's standard of beauty.

5 Tiger Woods

CELEBRITY Not only was the golfer finally photographed with his wife for the first time since his sex scandal broke last November, but he also announced he'll return to golf course for the Masters in April. Hopefully his performance on the green is better then his televised apology.

6 Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang



BOOKS Fans of late-night TV host Chelsea Handler will want to check out her latest tome, a no-holds barred account of the ridiculousness of life — all handled with a dose of biting wit.

7 The Runaways

FILM Wanna know how women rock out? Then check out this in-your-face biopic about the '70s all-girl band that broke the rules and spawned hits like Cherry Bomb. Hamilton native and director Floria Sigismondi keeps it real and raw and stars Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning shine as original riot girls Joan Jett and Cherie Currie. In limited release but expanding next month.

Mix of Six

Who Knew Grannie: A Dub Aria

When: until April 4
Where: Factory Theatre

Directed and written by Jamaican-born author Adhri Zhina Mandiela is a story that explores the pain and jubilation that comes with a family reunion over a death. Mandiela, a renowned dub poet, playwright, artistic director and also the founder of "b current," a not-for-profit performance company based in Toronto. Tue-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m. Tickets: $15–$35/PWYC Sun. 125 Bathurst. 416-504-9971. factorytheatre.ca.

Snap!

When: Sunday. 6 p.m.
Where: National Ballet School

A photographic fundraiser for the AIDS Committee of Toronto. The ninth edition of this annual fundraiser is a sophisticated cure to the Sunday evening blues. A live and silent auction features work from both established and emerging artists. In addition, guests can enjoy entertainment by DJ Sumation. Estimated values of the pieces range from $500 to $6,000. Tickets: $90. 400 Jarvis. 416-340-9255. snaptoronto.com.

Softown

When: Until Sunday
Where: Wychwood Barns Theatre

A family-friendly reworking of the original 1986 South African play Sophiatown. Softown is a drama mixed with live music, dance and storytelling, describing the plight of two people — Ruth, a white Jewish lady, and Jake, a black journalist — trying to understand different ways of life as they relate to race. Wed-Sat 8 p.m.; Sun 4:30 p.m. $10-$20. 601 Christie. africantheatre.org.

L'Orchestre d'Hommes-Orchestres

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Music Gallery

The last time Tom Waits played a show in Toronto was over a decade ago, and tribute shows range from lame to depressing. So these four quirky Quebec City performers' creative take on his repertoire might be the best live Waits experience you'll get, short of a road trip. $24. 8 p.m.

Nick Holder @ The Face Off with Dave Campbell

When: Saturday, 11 p.m.
Where: Revival

A new addition to the roster of friendly local DJ battles, The Face Off brings together four of our finest in back-to-back sets on four decks. It's also a good opportunity to check hugely prolific house producer Nick Holder, who is set to release his new album, People in the Shadows, next month on his own DNH label.

Calvin Harris @ Digital Future

When: Saturday
Where: Sound Academy

Boasting a massive lineup, this second installment of Digital Future is a four-room affair bringing together some of the best in house, electro, pop and bass music. Tickets at Rotate This and Soundscape.

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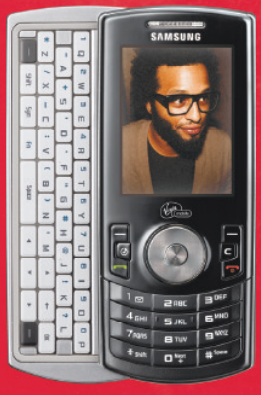

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Hayes opens up about being gay

Sean Hayes was driven to finally open up about his homosexuality earlier this month after his longterm boyfriend suffered a cancer scare, according to reports. He confirmed it in an interview in the March edition of The Advocate magazine. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Nine theatre openings in seven nights

From Second City to Young Frankestein to Breakfast, March brings a big helping of new shows

Once again, March proves to be one of Toronto theatre's busiest months, with at least nine opening nights in just seven days:

The cast of Second City.

PAUL KOLNIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The North American tour of the new Mel Brooks musical Young Frankenstein hits Toronto this month.

SECOND CITY FOR MAYOR

Where: Second City, 51 Mercer St.
When: Now in previews. Opens Mar. 23.
What: The troupe's latest comedy revue finds inspiration in Toronto's scandal-plagued city government and looming election.
Expect: Lots of jokes at the expense of Giambrone, Miller, Jakobek, Bryant ...
Tickets: $24 to $29 at 416-343-0011 or at their site secondcity.com

ART

Where: Bluma Appel Theatre, 27 Front St. E.
When: Now to April 10
What: This clever script about an all-white work of art was a big deal about a decade ago. This one's got a strong cast and director Morris Panych.
Expect: Witty late-'90s-era banter among three bickering friends played by Colin Mochrie, Peter Donaldson and Evan Buliung.
Tickets: $20 to $74 at 416-368-3110 or you can book through their website canstage.com

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Where: Princess of Wales Theatre, 300 King St. W.
When: Now to Apr. 18
What: After the smash success of The Producers, Mel Brooks went back to the movie vault to mine another comic classic for its stage musical potential. Broadway run followed up by this North American tour.
Expect: Vintage gags dusted off and given a Broadway sheen; a monster in tap shoes.
Tickets: $30 to $110 at 416-872-1212 or at the site ticketking.com

ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Where: Fleck Dance Theatre, Harbourfront
When: Mar. 24 to 27
What: An innovative, Canadian gothic story set in a Francophone town in Alberta is one of only several theatre events being held this month as part of the Theatre Centre's annual Free Fall festival.
Expect: Non-linear narrative; a slice of Canadian life (Franco-Albertan cottage country) we don't see very often, if ever, onstage.
Tickets: $30 at 416-973-4000 or you can book at harbourfrontcentre.com

BREAKFAST

Where: Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander St.
When: Friday to Apr. 4
What: The audience steps into the messy kitchen (and mind) of a woman on edge who's trying to get her life in order. Remount of a 2008 show from Independent Aunties.
Expect: A squirmy sense of voyeurism and an all-out performance from Karin Randoja.
Tickets: $20 to $29 at 416-975-8555 or you can book at artsexy.ca

THE MILL PART THREE: THE WOODS

Where: Tank House Theatre (Young Centre), Distillery District
When: Now to Apr. 3
What: Third in Theatre-front's four-part series of small-town intrigue, by four different playwrights but the same cast, set in the Canadian pioneer town of Brody.
Expect: Disturbing questions raised about Canada's not-always-honourable past.
Tickets: $20 to $30 at 416-866-8666 or book at their site youngcentre.ca

WHO KNEW GRANNIE

Where: Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St.
When: Now to Apr. 4
What: Four cousins return to Jamaica for the burial of their grandmother in this Obsidian Theatre co-production.
Expect: The subtitle of the play is a dub aria. Expect sights and, especially, sounds of the island nation.
Tickets: $25 at 416-504-9971 or at the website: factorytheatre.ca

OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR

Where: Young Centre for the Arts, in the Distillery District
When: Now to Apr. 10
What: Soulpepper is mounting a rare revival of this seminal U.K. musical from 1963.
Expect: War (and anti-war) tunes both rousing and sad; sets have eerie parallels to present-day battlegrounds.
Tickets: $29 to $70 at 416-866-8666 or at the site youngcentre.ca

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Alexander McQueen will posthumously receive a Council of Fashion Designers of America Board of Directors Special Tribute award. The British designer will be given the honour at the board's annual awards. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Leaders of the pack

Bright intimidates as New Moon vampire

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Amidst its gooey layers of romantic delirium, last year's box office igniting Twilight sequel New Moon (arriving on DVD and Blu-ray this Saturday) had a few welcome additions to its vampire riddled mythology.

One was the introduction of a pack of testosterone powered werewolves; the other — more effective — bonus was the appearance of the dreaded Volturi, a black cloaked sect of ruthless, red-eyed aristocratic bloodsuckers led by Oscar-nominated actor Michael Sheen (Underworld, Frost/Nixon).

Hidden among the Volturi's pasty faced ranks was actor Cameron Bright. If the name doesn't immediately jump out at you, the face just might. Bright, now 17, is the former child star of such thrillers as the 2004 sci-fi shocker Godsend, the eerie Nicole Kidman melodrama Birth and the over the top 2006 film Running Scared. In New Moon, he plays Alec, a powerful vampire who — like his intimidating brethren — is neither good nor evil.

"I see the Volturi as the government," says Bright. "They're the leaders of the vampire nation, the ones who enforce the laws. And if you're a leader you have to make difficult decisions, sometimes, and you have to be strong… and feared."

Twilight: New Moon is available on DVD Saturday

And fear is what the Volturi trade in. Bright's Alec is at first glance, an almost cherubic figure, but one who wields the lethal ability to completely shut off his victims senses, rendering them virtual vegetables. It's just another novel re-imagining of an iconic monster — the vampire — that has caused both the Twilight books and the films to be controversial amongst purists.

"I think our vampires are really interesting,' says the actor.

"We have a side history, something unique. Sometimes I hear people criticizing the way the vampires are presented in the film, the fact that we glitter and turn into diamonds but, here's the thing: vampires don't exist! We can portray them anyway we want to."

Actor Michael Sheen (far left) leads a gang of aristocractic bloodsuckers, including actors Jaime Campbell Bower (middle) and Cameron Bright in New Moon.

You're rehired

NBC is rehiring the original Apprentice, the network announced Wednesday. The non-celebrity version of the reality show from executive producers Mark Burnett and Donald Trump will return for a sixth season with a revised format. TVGUIDE.COM

Bad boys return to small screen

It all began when Walter White, a nebbishy high school chemistry teacher in Albuquerque, N.M., learned he had terminal cancer, then hit on a way to make money to leave his family when he was gone: Cook and sell crystal methamphetamine.

That was the stepping-off point for Breaking Bad, one of TV's most unlikely masterpieces, which kicks off its third season Sunday on AMC (10 p.m. EDT).

The Peabody Award-winning series stars Bryan Cranston as Walt, whose medical condition seems stabilized. He has stashed away bundles of cash from his crystal meth sales. But he has also rocked his family with his behaviour and put himself in the cross hairs of a drug cartel that wants him dead.

Meanwhile, Jesse Pinkman, his troublesome partner, is grieving. A former washout from Walt's chemistry class who helped him gain entry to the world of pushing drugs (while using them himself), Jesse is in rehab now. He is mourning the death of Jane, his first true love, from the heroin overdose he blames himself for.

"This is such a show about change. The characters start one way and morph into something completely different."
Aaron Paul

He is also mourning his imagined role in a midair collision of two jetliners over Albuquerque at the end of last season.

Jesse starts the new season with a claim that he's "done using," and, by all indications, he's done partnering with Walt. But there's more to be done.

"This is such a show about change," says Aaron Paul, who plays Jesse. "The characters start one way and morph into something completely different."

As evidence, you need only contrast Jesse's junkie stage with now.

Now Jesse is clean, in despair and at loose ends.

How long can he fight the temptation of renewed self-destruction?

And can Walt convince himself that he has the money he needs for his family and can walk away from the business?

No point trying to predict. Breaking Bad remains shocking, tragic and altogether unpredictable from the first images of the season opener.

It's also bitterly funny.

"You laugh at things you absolutely shouldn't be laughing at," notes Paul.

The part seems to fit Paul like a glove — at least, until you catch him on Big Love, the HBO drama series about a polygamous family where he plays the straight-arrow newlywed of Amanda Seyfried's character. He is almost unrecognizable from one show to the other.

The 30-year-old actor grew up in Boise, Idaho, the son of a Baptist minister. Experience in school plays hooked him on acting. He set off at 17 for Hollywood with his parents' blessing.

"Typical story," he says. "Pack the car full of stuff, but anytime it rained, my trunk would fill up with water. And the 3rd and 5th gears wouldn't work."

He landed guest roles on TV series. In features, he played Jeff Bridges' estranged son in K-PAX and Tom Cruise's brother-in-law in Mission Impossible III. Then, after Big Love, came Breaking Bad.

He remembers first reading the pilot script, which he sized up as brilliant while concluding it was so bizarre and groundbreaking, "there is no way this is going to be picked up. But I decided to just go for it anyway." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bryan Cranston, left, and Aaron Paul star in Breaking Bad.

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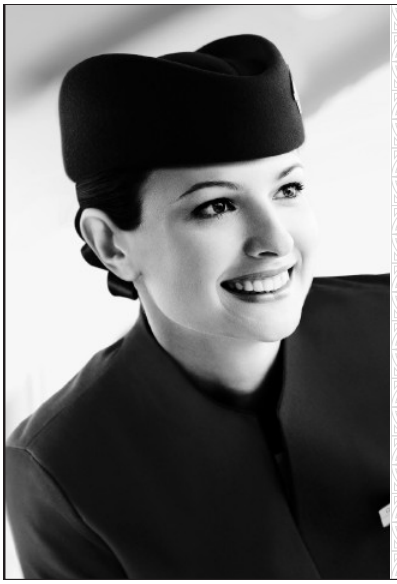

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Montag fires new manager
Heidi Montag has fired Aiden Chase, a Malibu-based psychic whom she hired last week to replace husband Spencer Pratt as her manager, usmagazine.com has learned. USMAGAZINE.COM

Countdown on for CBC show?

After ratings trouble, 22 minutes 'on the bubble'

Is the clock ticking on 22 Minutes?

The CBC sketch comedy series concludes its 17th season Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC.

A dip in the ratings earlier this season had what used to be called This Hour Has 22 Minutes in "on the bubble" territory for renewal.

The season before had been a strong ratings winner, thanks in no small part to all the comedy opportunities presented by the U.S. and Canadian elections.

Some key defections at the start of this season — especially executive producer and show runner Mark Farrell, who left to launch how own series, CTV's Dan For Mayor — contributed to a slow start for the sketch comedy series. Moving the studio-audience taping to a Friday night — four nights removed from the air date — also hurt the show's reaction time, making it tougher to compete against the instant edge of shows like The Daily Show.

With Farrell back in charge the last few weeks (after wrapping production on Dan For Mayor), focus and ratings have improved. Two Tuesdays ago, the series hit 750,000 viewers nationally according to BBM Canada estimates, placing it well within the top half of all CBC shows.

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Modern Family's Ty Burrell adopts

He may play a hapless father of three on the hit show Modern Family, but Ty Burrell had little real-life parenting experience to draw on — until now. The actor and wife Holly have adopted a baby girl. PEOPLE.COM

Future of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer up in the air

In Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.'s newest movie, Hot Tub Time Machine, a main character looks around a leg-warmer-dotted ski slope and asks "Is there some kind of retro thing going on this weekend?"

There certainly is at the studio. MGM is dialing back to its past as it prepares to be sold yet again and is stressing the value of its film archive as a major asset.

Six companies made nonbinding bids in January for MGM, which owns the rights to 4,100 movies and TV shows and has a stake in future James Bond and The Hobbit films. Now MGM is preparing to receive binding acquisition offers Friday.

It is unclear how many suitors are still in the running, but Time Warner Inc., Canadian-American Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. and billionaire Len Blavatnik's Access Industries are expected to make bids.

None are expected to be more than $2 billion US. That would be bitter for about 140 lenders that financed the purchase of MGM for $5 billion in 2005 and now essentially control the company.

Equity holders in MGM, such as Sony Corp. and Comcast Corp., have already written off their investments.

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Going Away

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The last frontier of adventure travel

Journalist Nicolas Rapp confronted by cops, getting lost during drive around the world

It was just like driving to work, except that I kept on going: From New York to Argentina, through 12 countries, for four months and about 21,000 kilometres.

It's the first leg of my overland trip around the world, an expedition that I consider the last true adventure on earth. From Buenos Aires, I will ship my car to Africa, fly across to meet it, and continue the drive, heading north to Europe, east to Asia, and finally, later this year, returning to North America.

My adventure began Nov. 15 when I gave up my apartment, quit my job as art director for The Associated Press, and set off in a '96 Toyota Land Cruiser, outfitted with a rooftop tent, fridge, stove and portable toilet.

Since then, I've driven through jungles, mountains and fog, across dirt roads, desert sand and salt fields. Crooked cops tried to shake me down and bad maps led me to places where the road disappeared.

I saw monkeys in the Costa Rican rainforest, pink flamingos in Bolivia, and herds of llamas in Peru, along with pigs the size of ponies. I camped on beaches in Nicaragua so beautiful and remote that you forget you have to go back to civilization one day. I visited the Mayan ruins of Copan in Honduras, ancient tombs and painted caves in Tierradentro, Colombia, and the Spanish colonial city of Quito, Ecuador.

It was chilly in New York when we started out, but we drove away from the cold weather, heading south on highways that roughly followed the Appalachian Trail to Georgia.

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Article author Nicolas Rapp prepares breakfast overlooking the Canyon de Chicamocha, Colombia.

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- He is presently attempting to leave Buenos Aires by boat to travel to Africa. So far he's still waiting.

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Rapp camps close to Park Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica.

We stopped in New Orleans (I am French and I wish that France had never sold Louisiana), then crossed the border from Texas to Mexico and drove southeast through Central America. We drove through Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica to Panama, where the Pan-American Highway ends at the Darien Gap.

We camped on beaches and in parks, and often got permission to sleep on farms, where there was plenty of space and where people are accustomed to seeing seasonal helpers. Sometimes we paid a few dollars for a cheap hotel or camp site, other times people let us stay for free.

Car trouble was our constant enemy. In Mexico, we drove with the hood open due to overheating.

In Honduras, a map misled us to a tiny village in the northern mountains where the road ended. Driving back the next day, the steering failed and we crashed. We were unhurt but the car needed parts and repairs. Eventually we drove to Managua, Nicaragua, with a damaged axle. There someone heated the metal and we bent it back as best we could.

A woman walks a giant pig south of Lima, Peru.

At every border crossing, we filled out stacks of meaningless papers, always looking for the next stamp.

In a few places, police officers seeing U.S. licence plates pulled us over for imaginary infractions. In Honduras, I pretended not to understand and they went away. In Mexico, a cop asked us for $5 to buy a chicken. I gave him $2 and he was happy.

We made it through Colombia OK, but safety is always on my mind. In Cusco, 10 minutes after arriving, a guy took a laptop from the trunk. I chased him and got it back.

We spent the rest of our time there locking and unlocking doors and paying extra attention to our surroundings.

Back in the '90s, Al and his co-author said that their 42,000-mile journey around the world "was a motor trip that cannot be repeated in our modern day and age."

As I prepare to leave South America for Africa and the rest of the trip, I am determined to prove them wrong.

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Taking some time off ... finally
Marie Osmond returned to the stage in Las Vegas with brother Donny just 11 days after the tragic death of her son, Michael Bryan, but the star is finally taking some extra time off to mourn her loss, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Blind siding Ms. Bullock

AND AFTER THAT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH ABOUT PICKING THE RIGHT GUY ... DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE ILL? Sandra Bullock is reportedly set to split from husband Jesse James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress has been left heartbroken by allegations the motorcycle enthusiast cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle (Bombshell) McGee and friends say there is now no way back for the couple.

A source told America's OK! magazine, "Sandra is devastated. Jesse has tried to smooth things over with her, but to no avail. She's still leaving him."

According to People magazine, the 45-year-old beauty left the marital home on Monday and has since cancelled a planned trip to the UK next week to promote her movie The Blind Side — the film which won her the Best Actress Oscar.

On Wednesday, it was alleged James had enjoyed a fling with mother-of-two Michelle. She claimed he had told her his marriage to the actress was over and romanced her while Bullock was away filming The Blind Side.

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Daughter of a preacher man

THE WHITE GOWN GOES ON AND RELIGIOUS ROOTS COME OUT Katy Perry wants to get married in a church, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose parents Mary and Keith Hudson are both Christian pastors — reportedly told her fiancé, British comedian Russell Brand, she wanted to tie the knot at a location close to her Los Angeles home, but turned down his suggestion of a recording studio at the Sunset Marquis hotel.

"Russell has been visiting the hotel for years and it is steeped in rock 'n' roll history," a source told the Daily Mirror newspaper.

"It's in the middle of West Hollywood, but it has beautiful gardens and you feel like you are in some kind of tranquil paradise.

"Katy was keen, but when it was suggested they could have their blessing in one of the recording studios, she put her foot down."

Although his request was rejected, 34-year-old Russell — who originally wanted to marry in India, where they got engaged on New Year's Eve — was not too upset and has told Katy, 25, he is willing to go along with her ideas for her dream day.

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He didn't go down the Hall way

BUT THERE MAY BE SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Director Sam Mendes is slamming a British tabloid report that his marriage to Kate Winslet ended because of an affair with British actress Rebecca Hall, usmagazine.com reports.

Following Monday's announced breakup of Winslet, 34, and Mendes, 44, after seven years of marriage, Britain's Daily Mail newspaper claimed that Mendes and Hall became romantically involved after meeting in 2006.

A rep for Mendes calls the charge "utter nonsense ... untrue and ridiculous."

Sources have told Us Weekly that it wasn't infidelity but career-related issues that caused Winslet and Mendes' marriage to unravel. Mendes found his wife "overbearing" while they filmed Revolutionary Road together in 2007.

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Organic Liaisons of the Third Kind

WELL, SCIENTOLOGISTS DO SEEM TO HAVE A WEIRD OBSESSION WITH FOOD ... JUST SAYING Kirstie Alley is striking back after she says she was blindsided on The Today Show this week with a question about whether her new weight-loss program is connected to Scientology, people.com reports.

"That I would need to clarify or defend the intentions or affiliations of my LLC business corporation in the year 2010 is indicative of the intolerances that we as a country still need to overcome," Alley, 59, said Wednesday after a private screening of her new A&E reality show Kirstie Alley's Big Life.

The actress, who has been involved in Scientology for the past 30 years, says the suggestion that the diet program, Organic Liaison, is a front for Scientology is "not true."

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Madonna and child

SHE'S RICH, SHE'S POWERFUL, SHE'S GOT THE BODY OF A 24-YEAR-OLD. WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO PLAY TOO? It looks like Madonna may have another young male model taking up her time.

The singer was spotted at a private party at a photo gallery in L.A. with model Adam Senn, according to In Touch — and Jesus Luz was nowhere in sight.

"She arrived with Adam from the back and sat in the VIP area," a source says. "At one point, she got up and started dancing, and he was grabbing her waist and touching her butt. She turned around and gave him a lap dance and he looked like the happiest guy in the world."

Madonna reportedly made sure no photos were taken of the two together.

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Karl says the darndest things

HI! I'M FROM THE 'OTHER WORLD' WHERE ALL I GET IS A BEAT UP PLAYBOY FOUND IN A COLLAPSING TOOL SHED. OH THE SHAME! Fashion mogul Karl Lagerfeld insists he prefers paying for sex.

"I personally only like high-class escorts," he tells Vice magazine.

"I don't like sleeping with people I really love. I don't want to sleep with them because sex cannot last, but affection can last forever. I think this is healthy."

The designer wishes everyone could live this way, but he recognizes it can be more than a little cost-prohibitive.

"For the way the rich live, this is possible," he says. "But the other world, I think they need porn."

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@wyclef
When Donkeys spread rumors about me I dont Respond cause I'm the master that leads them to the Well to drink the Water.

@ActuallyNPH
As if life couldn't get much more surreal these past weeks (oscars, glee), I'm about to board a private jet to Vegas with JLo and the Rock.

@samantharonson
If TSA workers all had a shot of whiskey every few hours the airport would be a much happier place.

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GETTY IMAGES

P. Diddy's 'Play-ahs'?

LET THE GAMES BEGIN P. Diddy has apparently become so obsessed with soccer that he's considering buying a British team, according to the Sun.

"Diddy was in London meeting football fixers a couple of weeks ago. The finance is in place, he's just deciding who he thinks he'll make a bid for," a source says.

"Portsmouth — who are also in severe debt — were mentioned, but he thought Palace were a better idea. He could cover their debt and bankroll a return to the Premier League. He liked the name as well."

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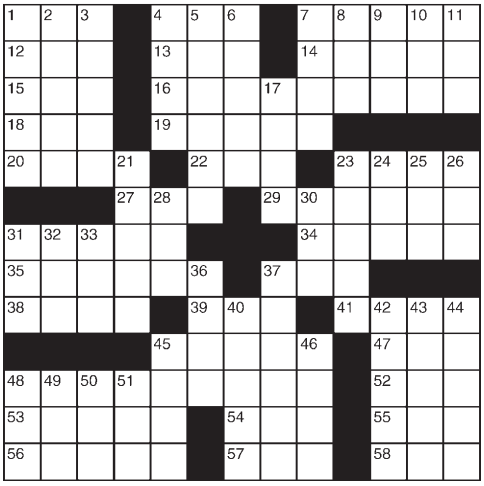

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Sudoku

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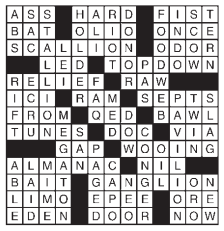

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 small acorn squash
1 lb new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 parsnips, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 large zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 tsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra to garnish
2 cans (540 ml) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup apple cider
1 cup hot vegetable broth
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve squash and remove seeds, then peel skin and cut flesh into 1 1/2-in. chunks.
2. Put squash in bowl and add potatoes, carrots, parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and toss to coat. Stir in garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.
3. Lay rosemary sprigs on bottom of large roasting pan and spread vegetables on top in single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.
4. Remove from oven and stir in pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover pan tightly with foil, then return to oven and cook until vegetables are tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

SERVES 6

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You feel you must do something to get your life moving again but you have no idea what it might be — a most frustrating state of affairs.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't waste time agonizing about what you are doing and whether it is right or wrong. Everything is the right thing, so why worry?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you go too far in one direction you will find that something pulls you back in the opposite direction and it may not be a pleasant experience.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Look on the bright side and bright things will happen. Your mind is a powerful tool and should be treated with respect and used with caution.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Is your conscience bothering you? Even if it is, there is no reason to believe you are about to be punished for what it was that you did.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You know what you want to say but putting it into words is not so easy. But who says you have to be chatty?

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you are tense today it may be because you are worried about a financial matter. The problem may be minor but your mind has made it appear huge.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Do you go with the flow or do you try to impose your will on a situation that others have found difficult?

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't have to be sociable. You don't have to be the life and soul of the party. If you want to be alone with your thoughts today do it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
It's not true that all Capricorns think that money and status are the most important things in this world, and even if you are one of those.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may not entirely trust a certain person but you have made a promise to support them and they are relying on you, so don't let them down.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20
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